

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
Christ the King/ Reign of Christ
November 20, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

Large Print Hymnals and Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices, are available

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" G. Kaufmann
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zg7CSLDyazQ>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crestholme's 99th Anniversary and Thanksgiving Luncheon celebration immediately following worship.

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Stand Up and Bless The Lord" Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-M0VeLP01ps>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

All: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

LEADER: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

All: Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields^[d] with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

LEADER: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Ps. 46, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Ever present God, we recognize your presence here among us and within us now. For your grace, mercy, love, and invitation to come before you today we are grateful. May our worship of you be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Blue Hymnal #150
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdP5gkF1EBE>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen, (BCW).

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Blue Hymnal #579

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

*** SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other (from your seat please).

GOOD NEWS: You are loved and you are valued!

GOOD NEWS INTERNALIZED: I am loved and I am valued!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jehovah Shammah

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74pG_mO86xw

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of all the ages from yesterday, today, and tomorrow we ask you to allow us to hear and obey what your Spirit tells us today through your Holy Word. Amen.

GOSPEL READING I

John 12:1-26

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+12%3A1-26&version=NIV>

PROVERBS READING I

Proverbs 12:1-14

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+12%3A1-14&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Thanksgiving Prayer"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egIB7tYW80M>

GOSPEL READING II

John 12:27-50

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+12%3A27-50&version=NIV>

PROVERBS READING II

Proverbs 12:15-28

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+12%3A15-28&version=NIV>

SERMON

“Yahweh Shammah, The Lord is There”

Dr. Carlos Baladez

Ez. 48:35

“The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. “And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE.”

Knock, knock.
Who’s there?
Cow says.
Cow says who?
No, a cow says mooooo!

Knock, knock.
Who’s there?
A little old lady.
A little old lady who?
Hey, you can yodel!

Knock, knock.
Who’s there?
Snow.
Snow who?
Snow use. The joke is over.

Sometimes believing is hard. It is hard when we are going through tough times and things are not going our way. Believing is hard when promises are delayed or not fulfilled. And believing is also hard when we have expectations that are not met and not knowing who can help.

At times, the going gets tough because of unhealthy decisions we make. These decisions can put us between a rock and a hard place. At other times, life gets hard because of decisions others make that directly or indirectly affect our lives.

Disappointments are especially hard when we set up ourselves for failure. We have unrealistic or faulty expectations. This is especially true when it comes to God. We may get faith mixed up with presumption and then we find ourselves sulking because God did not answer our delusional request.

When was the last time you questioned God? Why God, why? Why did you bring this disease upon me? Yet we fail to take responsibility for our unhealthy lifestyles. Why

God, did you not answer my prayer? Only to find out later that we are glad God did not answer our prayer according to our will. Had he answered according to our demand the results would have proven disastrous.

Yet as hard as these examples may be, one of the most common things that make believing hard is forgetting, not remembering, or worse yet not knowing.

We forget the number of times we were warned not to go down a certain path. We forget the number of good times we have experience life as a gift. We forget to be grateful and instead believe we are entitled to a certain lifestyle because of our religious status before God and man.

At times we suffer from what I call the Jacob syndrome. Recalling the story, Jacob has left home because his brother sought to kill him for swindling him out of the elder's birthright. Listen to the Scripture; "Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." (NIV)

The most daunting reason believing is sometimes challenging is because we forget or simply are not aware that God is present or that God is there.

Throughout the scriptures we see the people of God forgetting their God and suffering many trials and tribulations. In today's passage, the Prophet once again reminds God's people of a new day, a new place, a new relationship with God where a new city will be built and the name of that city will be, THE LORD IS THERE.

Paul tells us very clearly that we are the People of God, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Body of Jesus Christ. We too are reminded to acknowledge God in our presence. He is here with us today.

Remember, John in the book of revelation reminds God's people that God is knocking at the door of our hearts wishing to love us, to know us, to protect us, to show us the way, and make us whole. God loves you and me very much. And that's no joke.

To God be the glory now and forevermore. Amen.

* **HYMN** **"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"** **Blue Hymnal #551**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gw8wCwv4NPU>

Respond in Love and Service

* **This we believe**

The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.'" Amen.
(Acts 17:24-28).

* **PRAYERS AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION**

Please take this time to lift your request to the Lord and then sing with us the hymn of intercession for our nation. Amen.

* **HYMN FOR OUR NATION** **"Heal Our Land"** **Red Hymnal #800**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"

CHORAL AMEN

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoYDislmHs8>

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please, continue to support the life and work of Crestholme. You can mail your tithes, pledges, and offerings to...

CPC
PO Box 23919.
SA TX 78223-0901

Or you can save them and gather them until we meet again. Thank you!

* **DOXOLOGY**

Blue Hymnal # 592

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU>

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all being, it is because of you that we live, and move, and have our being. It is you who has allowed us to sow and to reap. We, therefore, in gratitude bring our offerings to you to receive, bless and multiply for the use of your glorious kingdom. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" Blue Hymnal #555**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6g0BSC7eNXQ>

*** BENEDICTION**

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, gives you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. May the eyes of your heart be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. Now go with the confidence of the God who is there and share his glorious name and acts with others inviting them to come and eat of the supper of the Lamb of God. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Dr. Baladez will continue with our sermon series, "Knowing God by Name."

Weekly Calendar

Tue & Thur 09:30-11:30 AM Food Pantry
TBD TBD Clothes Closet
Sunday 10:00 AM Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 Am Worship Service
Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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