



**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022**

**At the \*, please stand, if you are able.  
Large Print Hymnals and Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices, are available**

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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE:** **"Savior of The Nations Come"** **A.Vetter**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2n7zLLYKRM>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Sunday, God permitting, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Congregational meeting immediately after worship service.

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Prepare The Way"** **Choir**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQpLH9BGC8I>

**LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

**Katie Lamb:** Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

**We light this candle in hope. (Light the first candle).**

**Hear God's promise of hope from Jeremiah 33:14-16: Katie Lamb & Family**

"The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and

righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**Let us pray:**

**Katie Lamb & Family**

Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ's advent among us. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

**\* ADVENT CAROL "Light the Advent Candle" Choir and Congregation**

"Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas Day.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light."

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, today we gather in your name to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. You have become our hope for love, forgiveness, acceptance and wholeness. Welcome, Hope of God. Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Blue Hymnal #2**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God of all Righteousness, we confess our sin, our iniquity, and our transgressions before you. We confess that we have not obeyed you wholeheartedly, nor have we loved you with all our being nor have we treated our neighbors as we would like to be treated. For this and much more we ask your forgiveness. God of all Grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Anyone who is in Christ has been made a new creation! The old life has gone, a new life has begun! Friends, trust the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!

**\* 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.

**GOOD NEWS:** You are loved and you are valued!  
**GOOD NEWS INTERNALIZED:** I am loved and I am valued!

**CHILDREN'S TIME**  
**Advent for Kids**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQVhpSMFh98>

**Hear the Word of God**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Christ of God, come illuminate our hearts with the light of your Holy Spirit as your Word is read today. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING I**

**John 13:1-17**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+13%3A1-17&version=NIV>

**PROVERBS READING I**

**Proverbs 13:1-12**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+13%3A1-12+&version=NIV>

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"The King Shall Come"**

**Choir**

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

**GOSPEL READING II**

**John 13:17-38**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+13%3A17-38&version=NIV>

**PROVERBS READING II**

**Proverbs 13:12-25**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+13%3A12-25&version=NIV>

**SERMON**

**"Yahweh Tsidkenu, The Lord Our Righteousness"**

**Dr. Carlos Baladez**

**Jeremiah 23:6**

"In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior."

Bleak and dark seems to be appropriate words to describe the condition of our nation our world, and its political climate. It seems that every time we wake up we hear of another mass shooting. Senseless killings because someone decided on taking innocent life as if this was the solution to our problems. Long wolves shoot people because they have a different shade of skin. Killing others because they were born women. People are killed because shady dealers do not want their under-the-table deals to come to light. How long will it take us as a human species to determine the senselessness of war? When will we as humans stop exploiting the land, sky, and ocean?

What makes matters worse is the fact that religious leaders cannot agree on the meaning of sacred texts. You have the three monotheistic religions, Christians, Muslims, and Jews stating their own truths, not to mention the other thousands of other religions around the world.

People go around wishing for the "good ole days," not knowing that there have never been good ole days for everybody. The good ole days were only good for the oppressors but not for the oppressed. They were good for the exploiters but not for the exploited. They were good for the movers and shakers but not for the moved and shaken.

Shortly after the beginning, things did not turn out well for Adam and Eve nor for their descendants. Cain kills Abel, then comes the flood, afterward our ancestors decide to reach heaven. As a result of this, their languages are confused. Afterward, God calls Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Their descendants spend 400 years as slaves in Egypt. Moses is sent to deliver them and then God establishes kings, prophets, and priests. They were responsible for leading, teaching, and interceding for the people of God. We come to the time of Jeremiah and these three institutions are failing, much like they are today. Our government leaders lie to us. Our prophets no longer proclaim the message of grace and truth, and our priests are violating their oaths.

Where O where can we place our trust and confidence? God invites us to look up to him. He invites us to call upon the name of Jesus for this is the name given among men by which we might be saved. God calls us to rest for our intensive and weary labors and he will give us rest. The labor he speaks of is not manual labor but the labor of us trying to do things right in our own strength. God calls us to trust in him and in the work of his labor. The labor was completed by Jesus at the cross. We are invited to believe, trust, and receive forgiveness, righteousness, and goodness by faith. The New Life Version translates Jeremiah 23:6 as, "In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will be safe. And this is the name He will be called by: 'The Lord Who makes us right and good.'"

Yes, it is not the "good ole days" that we are too long for but we are to look towards the "good new day." The day the Good Lord promises us to make all things right. On that day we will give witness to our God as "The Lord Who makes us right and good."

Therefore, read the paper. Be informed. And let the news inspire you to look up and to look forward to that day. As we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the first coming of our Lord. Let us hold fast to our confession, Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

To God be the glory, honor, and praise forevermore. Amen.

\* **HYMN**                      **"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Blue Hymnal # 8**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iy2JyS0F-F0>

### **Respond in Love and Service**

\* **THIS WE BELIEVE**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

\* **PRAYERS AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION**

Lord of Light, Lord who has come to be with us, we ask that you listen to the prayers of our hearts and answer them according to thy perfect and loving will. Amen.

\***HYMN FOR OUR NATION**                      **"Heal Our Land"**                      **Red Hymnal**  
**#800**      [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm\\_rA54EGw](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=976gBjKgEjY>

**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**  
**592**

**Blue Hymnal #**

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

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all blessings and life, we bring to you what rightfully belongs to you; ourselves, our talent, gifts, and offerings. Receive them in your grace and love. We ask in Jesus' name, amen.

\* **CLOSING**

**"Savior of the Nations, Come"**

**Blue Hymnal # 14**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2n7zLLYKRM>

\* **BENEDICTION**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

\* **POSTLUDE**

**The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service**

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

**Weekly Calendar**

Tue & Thur 9:30-11:00 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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**Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers**

Session

Class of 2022                      Class of 2023                      Class of 2024  
Irene Thomas                      Katie Lamb                      Netsy Williamson  
Steve Tovar  
Clerk of the Session: Dick Crist  
Church Treasurer: Fred Archer

Trustees

Class of 2022                      Class of 2023                      Class of 2024  
Fred Archer                      Tommy Rudwick                      Penny Christoff

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**Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff**

Stated Supply Minister                      Vacant  
Pulpit Supply Preachers                      Dr. Carlos Baladez  
Elder Fred Archer  
Choir Director                      Robin Bernhard  
Organist                      Cathie Owen  
Secretary/Coordinator                      Vacant

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**Membership in the Presbyterian Church is open to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Every member and officer will be more than happy to visit with you about salvation by faith in Jesus and membership at Crestholme.**

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