



**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 04, 2022
At the *, please stand, if you are able.
Large Print Hymnals and Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices, are available**

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE "Meditation on The Coventry Carol" **D.Lasky**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDyw9sC7ppA>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational meeting immediately following our Worship Service.

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Arise, Shine" **Choir**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veQ5zokAL2Y>

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Jack Cobb: 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 love. (Light the first & second candle).

Jack: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel.

We light the second Advent candle
as a hint of God's promised light in the darkness.

**All: May the Light sent from God shine in the darkness
and offer us God's love on our way!**

Jack: We light the second candle as a sign of God's love!

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

CHILDREN'S TIME
Second Sunday of Advent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvDsO8Ao7pA>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of all creation, you alone are the One True God who loves us unconditionally. As your Word is read today, open our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit and allow your seed to fall into fertile ground. In the Name of Jesus we ask, amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING I

John 14:1-14

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2014%3A1-14&version=NIV>

PROVERBS READING I

Proverbs 14:1-18

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+14%3A1-18&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"A Communion Hymn for Christmas"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v40F2fIUE2E>

NEW TESTAMENT READING II

John 14:15-31

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14%3A15-31&version=NIV>

PROVERBS READING II

Proverbs 14:19-35

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+14%3A19-35&version=NIV>

SERMON

"Yahweh Jireh, The Lord shall provide"
Genesis 22:14

Dr. Carlos Baladez

So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." (NIV)

The just, or the righteous shall live by faith. We do not live nor believe in blind faith. Our faith is grounded in the person of Jesus Christ; his word, his character, his deeds, and actions. Our faith is built on nothing less than the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ.

Let's take a look at Abraham's life before this encounter with God. How could Abraham be so confident as to confess "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."?

Before this moment arrived, God had given Abraham a new call, a new name, direction, protection, and a promise. God had protected him from his enemies. God had provided wealth and a renowned name for him. God had also provided for the son Abraham had with Hagar. And, God had fulfilled his promise to Abraham of giving him a son through

Sarah, his barren wife. At the ripe old age of 90 years old, Sarah bore Abraham, who at this time was 100 years old, a son. And they named him Isaac, meaning, "laughter."

God had fulfilled his word in spite of the impossible probabilities. God is Almighty, all powerful, and is faithful to fulfill his Word.

Now, go with me and let's take a peek at the book of Hebrews.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (God did not create out of "nothing," or ex nihilo, no sir, God created out of his Word. God spoke, "Let it be" ... and it was so! All that is seen and unseen was created by God through his Word!)

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore ... By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. (NIV).

You see, by the time of the testing of sacrificing Isaac to God, Abraham has a track record, a history of fellowshiping with God through the impossible. He had come to know that the things which are impossible with man are possible with God, even the raising of the dead in order to fulfill his promise.

On Mount Moriah, meaning "chosen by Yahweh," Abraham and Isaac experienced the salvation of the Lord. Isaac was in a way brought back from the dead. The Lord, Yahweh, had provided himself the sacrifice.

God, provided salvation to Abraham and Isaac.

Fast forward to 2022. Today, the same God, the God is Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob provides salvation to us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. Like Abraham, we too get to experience God working through the impossible. Who can take sinners and bless them making them into saints? Jehovah Jireh. The Lord our Provider. Fear not, our Redeemer, God our Provider, draweth near.

To God be the glory now and forevermore, amen.

* **HYMN** **"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"** **Blue Hymnal #5**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QU3-E5mWNq>

Respond in Love and Service

* **OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION

God of love, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Almighty God, hear our prayer.

God of love, let your will be done in our hearts as it is in heaven.

Almighty God, hear our prayer.

God of love, let Christ be formed in us as it is in heaven.

Almighty God, hear our prayer.

God of love, let us love you with all our heart as it is in heaven.

Almighty God, hear our prayer.

God of love, let us love you with all our soul as it is in heaven.

Almighty God, hear our prayer.

God of love, let us love you with all our mind as it is in heaven..

Almighty God, hear our prayer.

God of love, let us love you with all our strength as it is in heaven.
Almighty God, hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY Blue Hymnal # 592**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU>

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of love, it is because you loved us first that we love. We bring these offerings of love to you to receive, bless, and multiply for your kingdom's sake. Amen.

COMMUNION

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who 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>

Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Sharing of the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen (Take the bread and eat)

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen (Drink the cup)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed" Blue Hymnal #501**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcmNJDDS6XQ>

* **BENEDICTION**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go and engage in the mission of God's love for all the world and thus bear witness to God's eternal reign. Go in peace, love and serve the Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The End of Worship — The Beginning of Service

Welcome to worship with us this morning! We're glad that you're here! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our compassionate church family... ask Carlos or Fred about meaningful participation and membership!

Next Sunday, Elder, Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome, Fred!

JOIN US!