

Gathering	
Prelude	Kaye Slanker
Welcome and Opportunities to Connect	David Suttles
Passing of the Peace	
<i>The peace of Christ be with you...</i> <i>And also with you.</i>	

Centering	
Chiming of the Hour & Lighting of the Christ Candle	
The Lord’s Prayer	Cathy Lee
<i>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.</i> <i>Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</i> <i>Give us this day our daily bread.</i> <i>And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.</i> <i>Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</i> <i>For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen</i>	
Call to Worship Litany	Cathy Lee
Children of God, in a world of violence and war, what will you do? We will watch for Jesus and work for peace.	
Children of God, in a world of suffering and oppression, what will you do? We will watch for Jesus and work for healing.	
Children of God, in a world of division and hatred, what will you do? We will watch for Jesus and proclaim the Good News	
Children of God, Jesus will come to our broken world. We will watch for Jesus. May he find us faithful when he comes!	

Hearing	
Hymn of Praise No. 83	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Reading from the Psalms	Charity Suttles
Psalm 57: 8-11 <i>(Page 455 of the Pew Bible)</i> The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	

Children’s Moment	Patsy Jeffcoat
A Time of Reflection: “Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don’t be afraid. “ --Frederick Buechner	Dixie Ford
Pastoral Prayer	
Invitation to Generosity	
Offertory: <i>During this time ushers will pass the offering plates, giving those who are led an opportunity to make a financial contribution to the work of God at Crosscreek. Giving can also be done at our website, www.crosscreekbaptist.org.</i>	Kaye Slanker
Hymn of Presence: (See Insert)	Christ, Be With Us
Reading from the Gospels Mark 13: 1-8, 24-7, 32-37 <i>(Pages 825-826 of the Pew Bible)</i> The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Adam Oliver
Special Music	Cindy Dawson
Sermon <i>Turning Toward Watchfulness</i>	Dixie Ford
Responding	
Silence and Meditation	
Hymn of Response: No. 249	The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound
Benediction and Hymn of Parting	
“An Old Irish Blessing” May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field, And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.	

Opportunities to Connect

Today:

- **Shelby Emergency Assistance Food Drive:** See list of items needed in the foyer. Drop off donations in the foyer by March 31.
- **Choir Practice today,** 4:00 p.m.
- **Sunday Night Youth,** 5:30 p.m.

This Week

- * **Deep Dive Adult Bible Study,** Tuesday, 10 a.m.
- * **Centering Prayer Group,** Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., home of Pam Alford
- * **Wednesday Night Programming,** 5:30 p.m.
 - * **Wednesday Night Supper,** 5:30 - 6 p.m. Make your reservation by emailing secretary@crosscreekbaptist.org by Monday at 5 p.m. Youth and Adults \$7 and \$5 for children, 5th grade and younger
Menu: Sub Sandwiches, chips, and dessert.
Youth & Adults, 6-7 p.m., Fireside room
Wednesday Night Kids, 6-7 p.m., Choir Room/Godly Play Room
- **Lenten Walk,** Friday, 10 a.m.: During Lent, you are invited to a weekly walk at a local park or easy-to-navigate trail. We will seek God's presence through community and nature. **Our walk this week will be at Veterans Park in Hoover (4800 Valleydale Rd. Meadowbrook, AL 35242)**

Coming Up:

- **Easter Egg-Stravaganza Family Event,** March 30, 10-11:30 a.m.
- **Holy Week & Easter:**
 - Palm Sunday, March 24
 - Maundy Thursday Service, March 28, 6 p.m.
 - Good Friday Service, March 29, 6 p.m.
 - Easter Sunday, March 31
- **Vineyard Family Services Backpack Buddies Packing Party,** April 6, 9-10:30 a.m.: Join with others in our community to pack food for children in Shelby County who are food insecure.
- **Save The Date: Crosscreek Church Wide picnic, April 27:** More information coming soon.

Becoming Part of Crosscreek

The people of Crosscreek come from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are coming from another faith tradition, another Baptist church, or no church at all, you are welcome to join us in our journey of following Jesus.

If you have already been baptized in a different faith tradition, we gladly accept your previous baptism. If you are new to following Jesus or have not been baptized, we will discuss the step of baptism with you as you become a part of our faith community.

Crosscreek Vision Statement

As a reflection of Christ, we envision a community where every person is invited to Crosscreek, accepted, and valued without hesitation. We believe that those actively engaged in the community of Crosscreek will experience healing and be challenged to deepen their faith and broaden their service to the world.

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Ministry Volunteers for Sunday, March 10, 2024

Michael Jeffcoat/Gary Hyden- Counters



Turning Toward the Cross
Lent 2024



Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2024

Ministers, All Christians

Pastor, Dixie Ford

Interim Minister of Worship, Cindy Dawson

Interim Minister to Youth, David Suttles

Accompanist, Kaye Slanker