

Gathering

Prelude Cindy Dawson

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect David Suttles

He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Centering

Chiming of the Hour & Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Lord's Prayer Scott Ford

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

Call to Worship Litany Scott Ford

We are not eye-witnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disciples;
we have not journeyed through a dangerous city
to seek answers or consolation;
we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day,
or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.
**But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power
during twenty centuries of change and conflict.
We are here because those before us carried this story
as if it were precious gold;
cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.**
Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places here today
in celebration and in awe.
What you are about to hear again has the capacity to change the world.
Your very presence attests to the rising up of life
from the tomb of despair,
and to the uncontrollable power of God
It is Easter morning again: and we celebrate!
-Ann Siddall

Hearing

Anthem of Celebration "Easter Song" Crosscreek Choir

Reading from the Psalms Cathy Lee

Psalm 118:21-27a
(Page 493 of the Pew Bible)
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise No. 194 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Children's Moment Wes Jeffcoat

A Time of Reflection: Dixie Ford

"The gospel means that every small story is part of a sweeping story,
Every ordinary life part of an extraordinary movement.
God is busy making all things new, and the life, death, and
resurrection of Jesus has opened that work to everyone who wants in on it."
---Rachel Held Evans

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory: Cindy Dawson

*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.*

Hymn of Resurrection No. 197 We Welcome Glad Easter

Reading from the Gospels Dean Jones

Mark 16: 1-8
(Pages 829 of the Pew Bible)
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Now...On Your Way Dixie Ford

Responding

Silence and Meditation

Hymn of Response: (See Insert) Early on a Sunday

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:

- No choir practice today
- No Sunday Night Youth tonight

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 p.m. (Adults/Youth: \$7 ; Children: \$5)
 - Make your reservation by emailing secretary@crosscreekbaptist.org by Monday at 5 p.m.
 - Menu: Breakfast casserole, grits, fruit, and toast.
 - Youth & Adults, 6-7 p.m., Fireside room
 - Wednesday Night Kids, 6-7 p.m., Choir Room/Godly Play Room
- 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.
- Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership Book Club, Saturday, April 6, 4-6 p.m.: Join ALIRP to discuss Thanhha Lai's *Inside Out & Back Again* at Domestique Coffee in Homewood. (1724 27th Ct S, 35209)

Coming Up:

- Ordination of Jon Chacko, April 7: Please be in prayer for Jon, as he is ordained and finishes seminary in the coming weeks.
- ALIRP's Matthew Butler, Guest Speaker, Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 p.m.
- Passover Seder, led by Charity Suttles, Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. (More information to follow).
- 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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CROSSCREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Ministers, All Christians

Pastor, Dixie Ford

Interim Minister of Worship, Cindy Dawson

Interim Minister to Youth, David Suttles

Accompanist, Kaye Slanker