

**OCTOBER 2, 2022: Anniversary Sunday  
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

**Gathering**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opportunities to Connect**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Centering**

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**Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Lord's Prayer & Call to Worship Litany—Brad Jeffcoat**

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**

(Light print read by leader; **bold print read by congregation.**)

We have been called here because we belong to one another and God. We remain committed to being...

**open to any person who receives Jesus Christ as Lord, regardless of the race, national origin, social, educational or economic standing of that person.**

We come together because we know that the God of love is worthy of our praise. We remain committed to being...

**a worshipping fellowship which seeks an encounter with Christ in all services, activities, and endeavors.**

We celebrate the God who gives life, and we know that God has given life to the whole world. So we will maintain...

**outreach, strongly evangelical, in which each member seeks by personal witness of life, influence, and word to share his or her faith in Jesus Christ.**

We know that what we do with and for our neighbors matters to God and our humanity. So we will practice...

**a social concern which seeks justice for everyone, and which results in active ministry to our local community, and the whole world.**

We confess that God is the giver of all things. We are called to be stewards who live generously and we are committed to...

**stewardship in which the tithe is conceived as the minimum as far as possessions are concerned and which recognizes that all that we have and are belong to God.**

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We are here because we know that how we spend our time matters. We are committed to practicing...

**a lifestyle open to the demands of Christ and faithful to the opportunities of worship, witness, education, and ministry through this local church.**

We have been called here because we belong to one another. We are committed to bearing...

**a concern for each other which shows itself not only in daily prayer, but also in compassionate action.**

We are called here at this time because we belong God. But we recognize that God calls us as the wind blows. Should God call us elsewhere, we are committed to practicing...

**a continuity in which, upon moving from the Pelham community any member is expected to unite as soon as possible with some other church where he or she can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.**

### **Hymn of Praise: To Be a People**

(Words & music may be found in the back of the hymnal.)

## **Hearing**

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### **A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 2:13-15—Claire Jeffcoat**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

This is the word of the Lord...

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Moment for Children—Patsy Jeffcoat**

#### **A Time of Reflection**

*"If Christ spent an anguished night in prayer, if He burst out from the Cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' then surely we are also permitted doubt. But we must move on. To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as a means of transportation."*  
~Yann Martel

### **Invitation to Generosity**

(Offertory by Kaye Slanker)

### **Worship in Song: Choir—What Wondrous Love Is This?**

## **A Reading from the Old Testament: Exodus 14: 5-7, 10-14, 21-29—Pam Alford**

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?” So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn of Devotion: 565—God of Past, Who by Your Spirit (vs. 1-3)**

**Sermon - Brandon Hudson**

**“God Is Here: Wet/Dry”**

**Responding**

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**Silence and Meditation**

*“Faith is a state of openness or trust.” ~Alan Watts*

## Hymn of Preparation: 467—We Are One in Christ

### The Lord's Supper

### Benediction and Blessing

### Hymn of Parting: An Old Irish Blessing

(Words & music may be found in the back of the hymnal.)

### Postlude

## Opportunities to Connect

### ● **Committee Sign-up**—Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

Due to Covid, our current committees have been serving valiantly for longer than anticipated. We are so thankful for everyone's service, and we want to honor that service with a renewed approach to committee work at Crosscreek.

To do that, we are giving you the opportunity to evaluate your committee/team service and prayerfully discern how you are being called to use your gifts. **Over the next several weeks, sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer; you are invited to sign up to serve for the next one or two years.**

**Please consider signing up for more than one committee/team; you are welcome and encouraged to serve on an Administrative committee (only one at a time) as well as on other committees/teams.** A committee/team description is included on each sign-up sheet.

We look forward to having this new structure filled and approved in the October business meeting with your service beginning January 2023.

### ● **This Afternoon**

- Choir, 4-5:30 p.m.
- **No Sunday Night Youth Today**

### ● **Wednesday**

#### • **Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30-6 p.m.**

- Please make your reservation by emailing Dixie Ford (dixie@crosscreekbaptist.org) by Monday at 5 p.m.
- Cost
  - \$7 for youth & adults
  - \$5 for children (5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger)
- Upcoming Menu
  - October 5: Pizza

#### • **Youth & Adults, 6-7 p.m., Fireside Room**

#### • **Wednesday Night Kids, 6-7 p.m., Choir Room/Godly Play Room**

### ● **Deep Dive is back!** Deep Dive, an in-depth Bible study for adults, begins on Tuesday, October 4, at 10 a.m.