

JANUARY 29, 2023
Crosscreek Baptist Church

Gathering

Prelude—Kaye Slanker

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect

Passing of the Peace

Centering

Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Lord's Prayer—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

Congregation reads the bold print.

Open our ears
to hear your word.

Open our eyes
to see your presence.

Open our arms
to the embrace of community.

Open our minds
to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts
to the joy of new life. Amen.

Hearing

Call to Worship Hymn: 161, "See Our Lord in All His Glory"

First Gospel Reading: John 1:14—Anna Ford

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Moment for Children—Dixie Ford

A Time of Reflection

It is said Helen Keller was once asked if there was anything worse than being blind. She replied, "Having no vision."

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

(Offertory by Kaye Slanker)

Worship in Song—Maya Jeffcoat

"You've Got the Love"

Second Gospel Reading: Mark 8:22-26—Calvin Gunn

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." The Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Preparation: 280, "Speak, O Lord"

Sermon—Ronnie Brewer

"A Blind Man Teaches Us to See"

Responding

Silence and Meditation

When your eyes are tired, the world is tired also. When your vision has gone, no part of the world can find you. Time to go into the dark where the night has eyes to recognize its own. There you can be sure you are not beyond love.—David Whyte

Hymn of Response: 71, "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction and Blessing

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.

Postlude—Kaye Slanker

Opportunities to Connect

Today:

- **Last Day to Vote for Pastor Search Committee:** Today is the last day for members of Crosscreek to vote for the Pastor Search Committee. If you are a member of Crosscreek, you are invited to vote one time for up to 7 of our nominees. Ballots, with nominee names, are in the foyer next to the Worship Guides. You can place ballots in the offering plate or give to Brad Jeffcoat or Amy Oliver today. Thank you!
- **Luncheon for the Hudson Family, immediately after Worship**
Join us for lunch today, as we honor the Hudson family and bless them as they follow their call to Abilene, Texas.

This Week:

- **Deep Dive, Tuesday, 10 a.m.:** Deep Dive is an in-depth Bible study for adults. Join us as we continue our study of the book of Acts.
- **Wednesday Night Programming, 5:30 p.m.**
 - **Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30-6 p.m.**
 - Make your reservation by emailing Dixie Ford (dixie@crosscreekbaptist.org) by Monday at 5 p.m.
 - \$7 for youth & adults; \$5 for children (5th grade and younger)
 - February 1 Menu: pizza, salad, chocolate chip cookies
 - **Youth & Adults, 6-6:45 p.m., Fireside Room**
 - **Wednesday Night Kids, 6-6:45 p.m., Choir Room/Godly Play Room**
 - **Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:45, Fireside Room**

Coming Up:

- **Building Hope Weekend, February 17-20:** Alabama CBF is partnering with Together for Hope and Alabama Rural Ministries to provide home repair work in Macon County, one of the counties in Alabama dealing with persistent poverty. Alabama CBF churches are invited to participate! Church groups or individuals can sign up to serve all weekend or for one day only—whatever works best for the group. If you are interested in serving on a team from Crosscreek, please sign up in the foyer or see Brad Jeffcoat.
- **Ash Wednesday Service February 22, 6 p.m.**

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