

Gathering

Prelude Kaye Slanker
Welcome and Opportunities to Connect Jon Chacko
Passing of the Peace

Centering

Chiming of the Hour & Lighting of the Christ Candle
The Lord's Prayer Lamar Bradley

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

Many voices are speaking to us today
in the movie theater, on the concert stage, on the television, on our smart phones.
**Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires,
to follow Your highest path for us.**
Many voices are speaking to us today
in our homes, in our friendships, and in our communities.
**Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires,
to follow Your highest path for us.**
Many voices are speaking to us today
through celebrities, network news, and social media.
**Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires,
to follow Your highest path for us.**
**As many voices ring in our ears, we choose to listen for Your voice,
To do what pleases you,
and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us.
Strengthen each of us to choose the high road,
to live up to the greatness you placed within us,
and to honor You in all our ways.
Lord, we will listen for Your voice. Amen.**
--Adapted from Dan Wilt

Hearing

Call to Worship Hymn: No. 71 (vv. 1-3) Be Thou My Vision

Reading from the Gospels

Olivia Suttles

Luke 1:30-33
(page 831 of the Pew Bible)
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks Be to God.

Children's Moment

Amy Oliver

Time of Reflection

Dee Ford

"To listen closely, with every fiber of our being, at every moment of the day, is one of the most difficult things in the world, and yet it is essential if we mean to find the God whom we are seeking."
--Esther de Waal

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Kaye Slanker

*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 Calling: No. 273 (All verses)

In Christ There Is No East or West

Reading from the Epistles

Patsy Jeffcoat

Ephesians 2:19-22
(page 950 of the Pew Bible)
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

Sermon

Listening to Echo, 1 Samuel 7:1-17

Dee Ford

Responding

Silence and Meditation

Hymn of Response: No. 405 (1,4)

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

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

- **Blessing of the Animals, October 20, 2 p.m.:** Bring your pet to the front lawn of the church for fellowship, treats (for pets and humans), and a prayer of blessing especially for our animal friends.
- **No Sunday Night Youth Tonight**

This Week

- **Deep Dive Bible Study, Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.:** All are welcome!
- **Wednesday Night Gathering, 5:30-7 p.m.**
 - **Fellowship Meal, 5:30-6 p.m., Fireside Room:**
 - *Make your reservation by emailing secretary@crosscreekbaptist.org by Monday at 5 p.m.*
 - Children (through 5th grade): \$5; Adults: \$7 (2 & under are free)
 - Menu: Pizza, Salad and dessert
 - **Wednesday Night Kids, 6-7 p.m.**
 - **Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Fireside Room**
 - **Nursery Provided from 6-7 p.m.**

Coming Up:

- **Trunk-Or-Treat, October 31, 6-7:30 p.m.:** Mark your calendar for this annual community event! There are several ways you can help make this event a success:
 - **Sign up in the foyer to bring a trunk.**
 - **Donate candy through October 27.**
 - **Spread the Word!** Invite your family and neighbors. The more the merrier!
- **Vineyard Family Services Backpack Buddies Packing Party, November 2, 9-10:30 a.m.**
Join with others in our community to pack food for children in Shelby County who are food insecure.
- **Alabama CBF Fall Gathering, November 7, FBC, Huntsville:** Fall Gathering is a day of fellowship, connection, learning, worship, and sharing meals with our Alabama CBF family. For more information and to register, go to: www.alabamacbf.org/fall-gathering-2024.

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



22nd Sunday after Pentecost, October 20, 2024

Ministers, All Christians

Pastor, Dee Ford

Associate Pastor of Worship and Families, Jon Chacko

Accompanist, Kaye Slanker