

Gathering

Prelude	Melinda Pruitt
Welcome and Opportunities to Connect	Jon Chacko
Passing of the Peace	
<i>The peace of Christ be with you... And also with you.</i>	

Centering

Chiming of the Hour	
The Lord's Prayer	Palmer Maxwell
<i>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</i>	
Call to Worship Litany	Palmer Maxwell

Welcome to worship.
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I am glad you're here.
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Surely God is in this space.
Surely God is in this space.
I see God in your face.
I see God in your face.
Let us worship together.
Let us worship together.

Hearing

Call to Worship Hymn: No. 125 (vv. 1-3)	Angels We Have Heard on High
Reading from the Old Testament	Debra Carlson
<i>Isaiah 61: 1-11 (Pages 603-604 of the Pew Bible) The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.</i>	
Lighting the Candle of Peace	Haley, Zach, & Thomas Seanor

Children's Moment	Lindsay Winslow
A Time of Reflection:	Dee Ford
<i>"...if you grab my hand, if you ask me to dance, If our weary souls can make room for connection, Then we will survive." --Sarah Speed</i>	

Pastoral Prayer	
Invitation to Generosity	
Offertory:	Melinda Pruitt
<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>	

Special Music	David and Charity Suttles
Hymn of Calling: No. 281 (vv. 1,2,4)	Love Divine, All Love Excelling
Reading from the Gospels	Charity Suttles
<i>Luke 1: 26-38 (Page 831 of the Pew Bible) The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.</i>	
Sermon	<i>The Blessings of Connection, Luke 1: 38-45</i> Dee Ford

Responding

Silence and Meditation	
Hymn of Response: No. 134 (vv. 1,4)	Silent Night, Holy Night
<i>Benediction and Hymn of Parting Family of faith, as you leave this place, you go into a weary world- so speak tenderly. Do the good that you do. Choose connection. Hold onto hope. And remember that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God's beloved So go rejoicing. The world needs it. Amen</i>	
"An Old Irish Blessing" <i>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.</i>	

Opportunities to Connect

Coming Up: *Holidays at Crosscreek!*

- *A Crosscreek Christmas*, December 15, 6 p.m.
- *Mission Raffle, December 15*, following *A Crosscreek Christmas*
- *The Longest Night Service*, December 21, 6 p.m.
- *Christmas Eve Service*, December 24, 6 p.m.
- *Moravian Love Feast*, December 29, 10 a.m.

- **Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership (ALIRP) Furniture Pick Up, December 21, 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.** If you have unwanted furniture or extra household items (beds, chairs, tables, dressers, appliances, mirrors, coffee table items, kitchen items, heaters, blankets, rugs, etc.), please consider donating them! ANYTHING that is usable and makes a house feel more like a home is very needed.

To donate your items, email: info@alirp.org. Please include your name, phone number, and the address where the pick up will take place. Photos of what you can donate will be much appreciated. ALIRP will get back with you to set up a specific time for pickup.

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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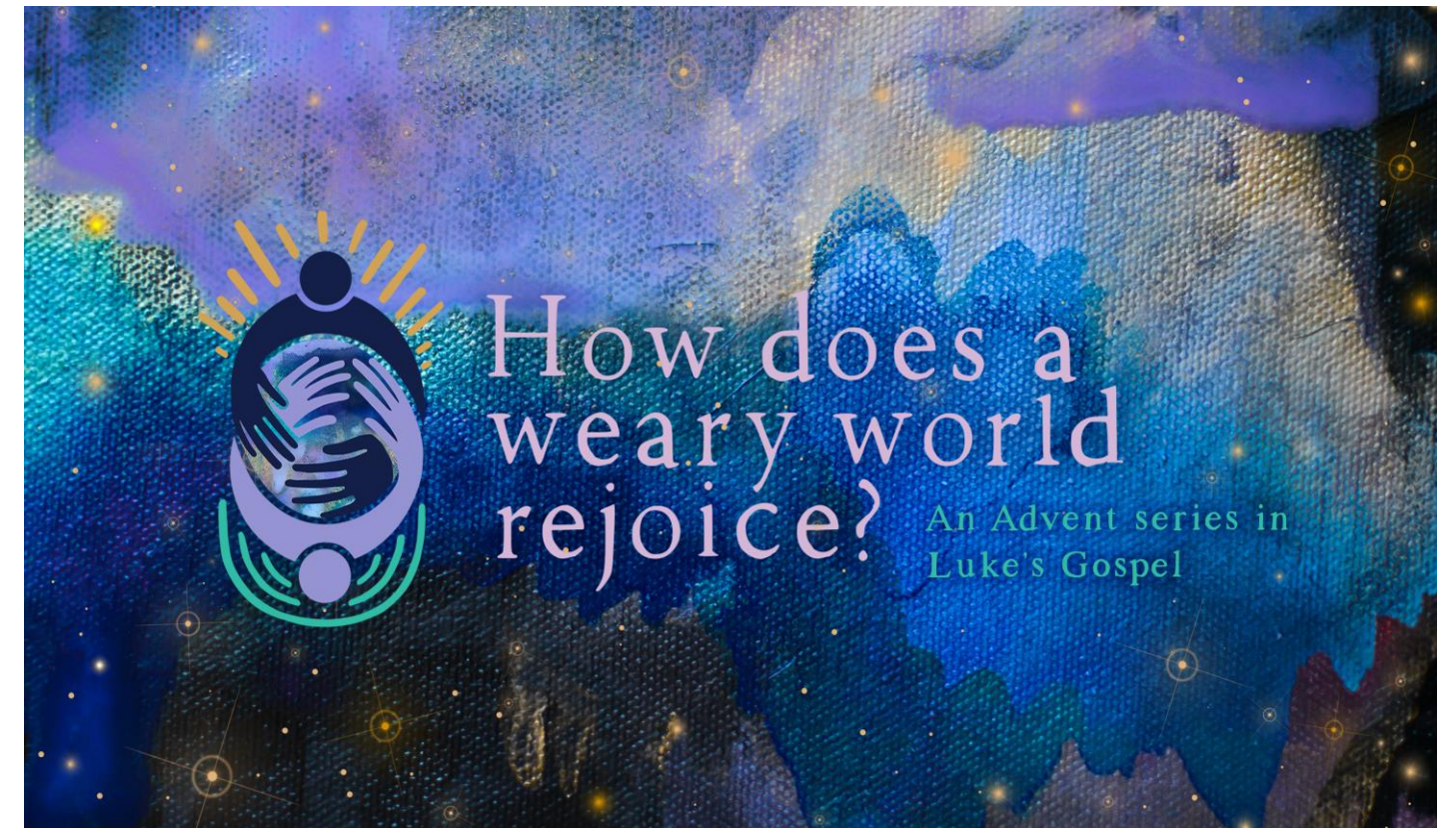
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CROSSCREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

Ministers, All Christians

Pastor, Dee Ford

Associate Pastor of Worship and Families, Jon Chacko

Accompanist, Kaye Slanker