Vision of Crossway Multinational Church

At Crossway, we want to be a church that is <u>of</u>, <u>by</u>, <u>and for</u> peoples from many nations, languages, and cultures.

Our <u>first commitment</u> is to be a church *centered on and shaped by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.* We want the wonder of God's perfect creation, the sad reality of human sin, the surprising goodness of God's gracious forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and the amazing hope of God's coming Kingdom to shape who we are and what we do.

Our <u>second commitment</u> is to become a church *without any ethnic or cultural priority*. Our commitment is to have people from multiple and diverse backgrounds help shape and lead our church, and that we would honor and fully welcome, and serve and be served by, people of many cultures. We want to be a foretaste of what the Apostle John envisioned:

A great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10)

So whatever your culture or nationality, we welcome you, we want to learn from you, and we hope that you will experience and grow in the love of God through Christ among us.

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Welcoming and transforming the peoples of all nations to be united in the praise of God in Christ

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:5-7 (NIV)

Order of Worship December 24th, 2021

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Psalm 95:6

Welcoming & Prayer

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Advent Reflections

Luke 2:1-7

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

Emmanuel

God is with us, He is with us.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Come Adore the Humble King

Fall, oh fall, before the one who in mercy left His throne Christ the Lord, God's only Son, His glories now we sing Oh, praise the humble King

Hidden Glory

Luke 2:1-20

Silent Night

...with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Benediction

Announcements

Worshiping together on December 26

This Sunday (10am on December 26) we will join together for our regular worship service, both in-person and online at <u>tiny.cc/cmclive</u>.

Crossway Conversation: A New Core Value

The Crossway Board has proposed a new core value for consideration by the congregation. We will be voting on it at our annual meeting in January. You are invited to a "Crossway Conversation" on **January 9** right after the worship service. This will be a time to think through and talk together about this idea of both grace and obedience. We will provide a light lunch and activities for kids. We will finish by 1:30. And see the core value at <u>https://crosswaymchurch.org/radicalgrace-and-obedience/</u>

Other important dates

January 9: Crossway conversation and meal (provided) January 23: Annual meeting and meal (signup is coming soon)