## **Vision of Crossway Multinational Church**

At Crossway, we want to be a church that is <u>for</u>, <u>of</u>, <u>and by</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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# We strive to be a church that is FOR, OF, and BY the peoples of many nations

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 25th, 2022

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

Psalm 86:9

#### The Advent of Our God

The Advent of our God with eager hearts we greet; and we must praise Him in this hour with hymns and anthems sweet.

#### **Welcoming One Another & Announcements**

#### Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

#### Youth ensemble

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

### **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-7

#### Joy Has Dawned / Angels We Have Heard on High

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation—God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.

#### Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing, we, the song of Emmanuel; this the Christ who was long foretold. Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.

#### **Stream Of Praise**

Mercy and grace from the Father above, Come soften our hearts and fill us with love. Let every song that we offer to You flow out as a stream of praise

#### Youth ensemble

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

# Prayer of Confession Words of Assurance

Galatians 1:6-7a

John 1:29

#### Nara

What shall I render to Jehovah for He has done so very much for me. Nara, Nara eh, Narekele, Narekele

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

Adefemi Olubunmi

#### **Prince of Peace**

Isaiah 9:1-7

#### Kau Rajaku

Be glorified, Be lifted up

Yesus Tuhan, Kau Rajaku The One on the throne, The One who has the power Yesus Tuhan, Kau Rajaku

#### Announcements

#### **New Years Day Worship Service**

Next Sunday, we will begin our New Year together with our worship service at the regular time (10am).

#### **Upcoming Food Opportunities**

A wonderful way to help the people of our church is to help provide food for special events and activities. Our next opportunities:

- **January** snacks: <u>tiny.cc/cmcsnacks-jan</u>
- January 15: Life Group Planning lunch
- **January 22:** Benevolence Fund Planning lunch (Contact Pastor John for January 15 and 22 meals)

Bringing snacks is a great way to contribute and get connected! To learn more, see crosswaymchurch.org/snacks

#### **Urgent Clothing Request**

Love Clothing Center and Pilgrim Congregational Church have urgent need for clothing to distribute. **If you can bring new or gently used clothing to church over the next few Sundays**, we'll be sure to get it to these ministries.

- 12 month boys coats
- 3T boys coats
- 3T boys clothing & pajamas
- Winter pajamas for boys and girls, sizes 4 16
- Coats for kids and adults