

TESTIMONIALS

“Creekside’s Blue Christmas service was a blessing! From the moment I entered the Venue, I felt Christ’s peace and a sacred space to remember the loss of my late son, Jason Christopher. A way to acknowledge that I was not alone amid my sadness of that loss. It also reminded me that others were hurting too, like a dear friend who attends another church, and the couple she invited from her “Grief Share” class. I am thankful to Creekside for offering the Blue Christmas Service. Every detail was perfectly planned with its mixture of scripture reading, meditation, prayer, worship, communion, candle lighting, the Table of Remembrance, and the calm music and soft light that helped deepen moments of personal reflection. I enjoyed every moment, particularly the candle lighting, which provided me some time to reflect on my sorrow for the loss of my only child. I saved my candle and that little metal cross as a reminder that God waits patiently, gently whispering to me, “give me your pain, come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, I will refresh you!” Lighting the candle helped me and reminded me of those who have supported me in my pain and affirmed my faith in God who takes me by the hand and tells me, do not fear! The powerful service of God’s hope and light supports those of us whose grief may resurface during the Christmas season.” – Sharon Robinson

“Following the sudden loss of my younger sister, I leaned on the support of family, friends, and the Creekside Community, who prayed with and for me while standing by my side. Counseling sessions at our Community Counseling Center provided invaluable guidance as I navigated the ups and downs of grief. Recognizing grief’s non-linear nature, I sought additional support by attending the Blue Christmas service. There, the Pastoral Care Ministry extended genuine love and compassion to those of us mourning various losses. The experience served as a poignant reminder of the vital role fellowship and community play in all aspects of life. I discovered a profound sense of peace, feeling the presence of the Lord in my life and within my church family.” – Michael Sim

“Blue Christmas for me was a healing balm in my season of grief over the loss of my father. The worship was “sweet release”, and I felt like I was invited into the presence of God. As I participated in the different elements of the service, I sensed God saying to me that “Everything would be ok”. When the service ended, I walked out knowing that I had heard from the Lord that evening, and His peace and love would be my ever-present comfort.” – Hally Baker

“The Blue Christmas Service draws us into a focus of God and that He is bigger than our sadness, hurts and disappointments. Our focus transitions from pain and despair to knowing the Holy Spirit is with us for comfort. The combination of prayer, scripture, music worship, communion, and fellowship refocus us on Jesus’ promise and unconditional love of us. Blue Christmas service is great to begin or nurture the healing process. I recommend the Blue Christmas Service to anyone struggling with the holidays. When my focus turned away from my pain and sadness to who God is, my disposition shifted to spiritual joy. Knowing and sensing Jesus’ love upon me, I was comforted at peace.” – Anthony Lamera