May 26, 2024

8:30 & 10:45 AM

Gathering

WELCOME

If you are visiting with us, we'd love to hear from you. And if you have a prayer concern, we will be glad to add it to our prayer list. Please fill out the Connection Card on the back of the pew in front of you or contact the church office for more information.

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God Marcel Dupré We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, we are Your disciples, and we are here to learn.

People: May we hear what Your Word has to teach us this morning.

Leader: We are Your disciples, and we are here to grow. People: May Your Holy Spirit empower us and guide us.

Leader: We are Your disciples, and we are here to serve.

People: May Your will be known to us, that we may go where You send

Leader: God, thank You for Your love and mercy.

People: May we share these blessings with others, today and every day!

*HYMN 323 Wonderful Words of Life WORDS OF LIFE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

Clara Wallace

READING FROM SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:9-13

In the pew Bibles, on page 241 of the Second Testament

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

(10:45)Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit arr. William Dawson

Doug Hutcherson, baritone

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40

In the pew Bibles, on page 127 of the Second Testament

SERMON Into the Wilderness Steph Wallace

I Love to Tell the Story **HYMN 480 HANKEY**

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Thomas Thorley Flute Piece

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; **OR** Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son. and Holy Ghost, Amen. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

Wonderful Words of Life arr. Wilbur Held Please eat the bread when you receive your communion cup, then wait and drink the juice after the Elder's prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option. We encourage you to recycle your communion cup after the service.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.

*HYMN 452

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Ralph Vaughan Williams

POSTLUDE

arr. Wilbur Held Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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STARTING NEXT SUNDAY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DISNEY

June 2 - The Lion King

June 9 - Lilo and Stitch

June 16 - Encanto

lune 23 - Snow White



Vacation Bible School • Monday June 24 - Thursday June 27 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM, free dinner at 5:00 PM

now open! VISIT: www.crestwoodchristian. org/VBS or scan the QR code

VBS Registration



CERTIFIED WORSHIP AND WONDER STORYTELLER TRAINING

June 14 6 PM - 9 PM

and

June 15 9 AM - 5 PM

Crestwood covers all costs and materials for children's ministry volunteers. To signup, please email missy@crestwoodchristian.org.

TREE DEDICATION



THE DORCAS DWM GROUP INVITES YOU TO THE TREE DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA BARTLETT LONG

JUNE 2, 2024 FOLLOWING THE 10:45 SERVICE

BY THE NORTH ENTRANCE

*Please stand as you are able.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: the family of Rev. John Browning, Sandra Thompson

<u>FAMILY</u>: the family of Jimmy Greene (uncle of Libby Hulette), Jordan & Virginia Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana)

FRIENDS: Tafonda Smith (of Crestwood)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Joe Clark, Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), Barry Newton (father of Laura Prather), Pat Nielsen, Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

ARMED FORCES: Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Daniel Day (grandson of John & Carol Royse & son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims)

<u>HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS</u>: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Buzz Mattingly, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

<u>OUR WORLD COMMUNITY</u>: We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, an end to the war in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by COVID and natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

Our Vision

Connecting People to God and Each Other

Our Mission

Crestwood Christian Church connects people to God and each other by being a community that welcomes and accepts all people; invites questions about how faith and life intersect; encourages people to take the next step in their spiritual journey; cares for each other and the stranger; and serves God through serving others.

Next Sunday

The Gospel According to Disney The Lion King Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder 8:30 Jeanne Jouett 10:45 Jeanne Jouett

<u>Liturgist</u> 8:30 Jeanne Jouett 10:45 Jeanette Knowles

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD May 26, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 26

8:30 AM - Worship Service 9:30 AM - Sunday School 9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Monday, May 27

MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, May 29

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, May 30

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, June 2

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Tree Dedication for Virginia Long

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister Missy Wallace, Children's Minister Rev. Kelly Hale, Interim Minister of Pastoral Care Mary Van Kesteren, Office Administrator Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager Frank Spragens, Music Director Cindy Abernathy, Pianist Jane Johnson, Organist Amber Combs, Childcare Director





Into the Wilderness

Acts 8:26-40

Steph Wallace

May 26, 2024 8:30 and 10:45 AM

Welcome to Crestwood!
We are glad you have joined us for worship.
We hope your time with us is meaningful and that you return soon.

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