

September 8, 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

(8:30) My Lord, What a Morning arr. Glenda Austin  
(10:45) Now We Join in Celebration arr. David Cherwien  
*We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.*

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We worship a God whose love never fails us.

**PEOPLE: We are here to be reminded we are children of God.**

LEADER: We have come home from our weekly wanderings.

**PEOPLE: God welcomes us here with open arms.**

LEADER: Forgive us, O Lord.

**PEOPLE: Renew us and welcome us to feast at your table.**

LEADER: Create in us clean hearts for love and service.

**PEOPLE: Help us see your image in us and in others.**

\*HYMN 2 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Clark Pickrell

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 95:1-7  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 550 of the First 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 (8:30) Steal Away to Heaven arr. Mark Hayes  
Audri Hughes, mezzo soprano  
(10:45) God of Past Who by Your Spirit arr. John Ferguson

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE James 1:19-21  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 229 of the Second Testament*

SERMON Body Building sermon series  
Big Ears Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 393 One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY (8:30) The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Jay Rouse  
(10:45) Walk Together, Children arr. Moses Hogan

\*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 (8:30) Near to the Heart of God arr. Jeannette Smith  
(10:45) Steal Away to Heaven arr. Mark Hayes  
Audri Hughes, mezzo soprano

*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 725 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) A Past to Celebrate Katherine Steckler  
Katherine Steckler, soprano

POSTLUDE (8:30) March Christoph von Gluck  
(10:45) Celebration Charles Callahan

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MUSICIANS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

David Hummel and Andrew McGranahan, trumpets  
Steve McCallum and Phil Kent, trombones

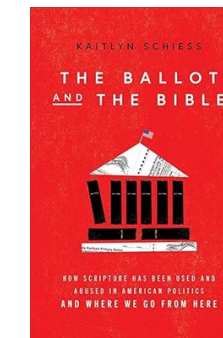
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**BODY BUILDING SERMON SERIES**

You may not realize, but the Bible contains within its 66 books a letter devoted to helping us get into shape! The book of James gives us instructions on how we can use parts of our bodies to further God's kingdom and build community in a fractious world. For our fall sermon series we'll pump some spiritual iron as we strengthen ourselves to be good neighbors and faithful Christians.

September 15 – Broken Hearts – James 2:1-8  
September 22 – Dirty Hands – James 2:14-18  
(September 29 – “Imagine Together” stewardship sermon)  
October 6 – Pierced Tongue – James 3:1-12  
October 13 – Rough Knees – James 5:13-16

**FALL BOOK STUDY**



With the upcoming election, faith and scripture will be a big part of the political discourse, as the candidates appeal to faith-based voters. What can we learn from the past about how the Bible has been used in politics?

For our Fall Book Study, we'll be reading and discussing “Ballot and the Bible: How Scripture Has Been Used and Abused in American Politics and Where We Go from Here” by Kaitlyn Schiess. The back cover says, “In *The Ballot and the Bible*, Kaitlyn Schiess combines American political history and biblical interpretation to help us

faithfully read Scripture, talk with others about it, and apply it to contemporary political issues--and to our lives.”

The book study will meet five consecutive Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel starting on September 23 and ending on October 21. It would be helpful if you would RSVP to Kory so he can know how many to expect.

**SRO TRIP TO MAYSVILLE, KY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME!**

Get ready for a busy, informative and fun day of history, art, culture, and, of course, food! We will start out by traveling to Maysville and boarding a trolley for a narrated tour of both Maysville and Washington. We will return to Maysville and have lunch at a choice of spots near the Gateway Museum Center and Gift Shop.

9:30AM - Leave Crestwood from Mission Center Parking lot

3:30PM - Board Crestwood van to return to Lexington

COST: Museums entrance fees \$20, suggested gas donation of \$5, lunch  
Please RSVP by calling the church office. Thank you!

**BLESSING OF THE PETS & PET SUPPLY DRIVE**

All of Crestwood is invited to the Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, September 22, from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the Lafferty Garden. Bring your beloved pet (or a photo) to be prayed over and blessed by Kory, and then stick around to enjoy the ice cream social!

The Crestwood Youth Group is collecting pet food and supplies for the Lexington Humane Society. See next week's Weekly for details.

**Joys and Concerns**

**MEMBERS:** Roberta Buckley, the family of Don Guinnip

**FAMILY:** Robin Allen (daughter of Fran Allen), the family of Philip Hays (father of Beth Taylor), Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), the family of Lesley Holliman (cousin of Jeanne Jouett)

**FRIENDS:** Cristi family (of Crestwood), the family of Rodger Michael (of Crestwood), Don Ralph (of Libby Wachtel), Nathan Skinner (of Ward Ransdell)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Joe Clark, Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), Barry Newton (father of Laura Prather), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Donnie Wakefield, 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), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler and Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law and son of Pam and David Sigler)

**HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS:** Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Buzz Mattingly, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

**OUR WORLD COMMUNITY:** We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, an end to wars across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD  
September 8, 2024**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 8 HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:00 PM - All church luncheon - Gym

**Monday, September 9**

- 7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

**Tuesday, September 10**

- 9:30 AM - Church Women United - Chalice Hall
- 2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

**Wednesday, September 11**

- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
- 2:00 PM - Safety & Security Team - MC5

**Thursday, September 12**

- 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Friday, September 13**

- 9:30 AM - SRO trip to Maysville

**Saturday, September 14**

- 8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room
- 4:00 PM - Car Parking for UK Football Game

**Sunday, September 15**

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 9:30 AM - Heart-to-Heart Team - Chapel
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall
- 4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group Meeting - Chi Rho Room
- 5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group Meeting - CYF Room

If you would like to support the ministries of Crestwood, please scan the QR code to the right to go to our secure Giving page. Thank you for your generosity and support of God's work at Crestwood!



**CHURCH STAFF**

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



**Sermons on the letter of James**

**Big Ears  
James 1:19-21**

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

**September 8, 2024  
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*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.*

**CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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<p><b>Our Vision</b> Connecting People to God and Each Other</p>	<p><u>Next Sunday</u> Body Building Sermon Series Broken Hearts James 2:1-8 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson</p>
<p><b>Our Mission</b> 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.</p>	<p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u> <u>Elder</u> 8:30 Joan Stafford 10:45 Jay Prather  <u>Liturgist</u> 10:45 Grace Foley</p>