

December 1, 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) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Martha Kelsey
(10:45) Savior of the Nations, Come J.S. Bach
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

(8:30) The Murphy Family
(10:45) Anne and Katie Rush

*HYMN 132 When God Is a Child MOON BEAMS
(v. 1)

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16
In the pew Bibles, on page 738 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) When Love Was Born
Katherine Steckler, soprano

(10:45) Prepare the Way, O Zion
Franz Mikael Franzen, adapted Charles P Price, arr. Kenneth Dake
Meg Saunders, violin

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-8
In the pew Bibles, on page 34 of the Second Testament

SERMON In the Beginning Sermon Series
Hitting the Ground Running
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN A Waiting Hymn GREENSLEEVES
(lyrics on the right)

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY
(8:30) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. David Schelat

*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) In the Bleak Midwinter arr. Jason Krug
(10:45) Creator of the Stars of Night 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 125 Come, O Long-expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

POSTLUDE

(8:30) People, Look East arr. Paul Taylor
(10:45) Toccata on Savior of the Nations, Come Paul Manz

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ADVENT WORKSHOP - TODAY!

Join us after second service for a family craft, pizza, and hot cocoa. We'll be creating a round serving plate for your family.



ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 6

We're amazed at how quickly our angels flew off the Christmas trees! Thanks to everyone who took an angel. You're going to make a child very happy this Christmas! Angel tree gifts can be turned back into the church office or left at the trees on Sunday morning. Unwrapped gifts are to be placed inside a trash bag with the attached numbered sticker. A roll of wrapping paper can be placed in the bag. Please let Missy know if you have any questions.

NEST FOOD BOXES YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Food Boxes Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, December 4 - food delivery to church from Aldi - If you can help, please join us at church, starting at 5:00 PM, to help us unload and get the food into the CYF room. The more people who can help, the faster we can unload the U-Haul!

Sunday, December 8 - FOOD BOX FILLING DAY! All youth, their families, and anyone who would like to volunteer, please join us from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Mission Wing as we fill 400 boxes with food for The Nest! Everyone is invited to join us for a pizza dinner afterwards in Chalice Hall.

We still need donations to help pay for the food - please mark your donation "Food Boxes." THANK YOU for sharing the love of Christ in this meaningful way this season!

A WAITING HYMN

Words by Erin Smallwood Wathen
Sung to the tune of 'What Child Is This?'

Show us the way to Bethlehem, O Prophet you have spoken.
You listened in the darkest night, God's silence now is broken.

Chorus:

*Teach, teach us how to wait, for secrets in God's keeping.
Lead, lead us to the place, where God, the child, lies sleeping.*

Show us the way to Bethlehem, God's chosen mother, Mary.
With you we wait with joy to see the miracle you carry. *Chorus*

Show us the way to Bethlehem, you Shepherds in your wonder.
Your star, a sign that joy has come, and evil lies asunder. *Chorus*

Show us the way to Bethlehem, all you who know this story.
The wilderness behind us now, we see God's waking glory. *Chorus*

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: the family of Joe Clark, Joan Stafford, the family of Kathy Stone

FAMILY: Benita Baughn (family of Michelle DeLacey), Zack Ison (brother of Stewart Ison), Paul Morrison (father of Andrea Back), Judy Walden (mother of Connie Guilfoil), Linda Yates (mother of Stephanie Moore)

FRIENDS: the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Mary Duff (of Dana Adamson), the Furlong family (of Patsy Anderson), Audie Palm (of Kay Thomas), the family of Jim Turner (of Fran Allen), Mary Van Kesteren (of Crestwood)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan & Kendall Hart), Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Lisa Jern (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Nathaniel Sligh (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), 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 & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law & son of Pam & 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.

<p>Our Vision Connecting People to God and Each Other</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Next Sunday</u> Lessons and Carols Service</p>
	<p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u></p> <p><u>Elder</u> 8:30 Natalee Feese 10:45 Jay Prather</p> <p><u>Liturgist</u> 8:30 Katherine Steckler 10:45 Bill McDonald</p>

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
December 1, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday Fellowship after both services

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:00 PM - Advent Workshop - Chalice Hall, Bradford Room

Monday, December 2

- 7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, December 3

- 9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, December 4

- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, December 5

- 9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel
- 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

Friday, December 6

- 11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Saturday, December 7

- 8:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 8

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 4:00 PM - NEST FOOD BOX DAY - ALL YOUTH/FAMILIES
- 5:00 PM - Youth Group Dinner - Chalice Hall

CHURCH STAFF

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| 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 |
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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.

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