

December 15, 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) Coventry Carol arr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45) Personent Hodie arr. David Schelat
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

(8:30) Rick Fern & Becky Deaton
(10:45) the Johnson family

*HYMN 132 When God Is a Child MOON BEAMS
(v. 1-3)

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25

In the pew Bibles, on page 1 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) Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Keshawn Coleman, tenor

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38
In the pew Bibles, on page 56-57 of the Second Testament

SERMON In the Beginning Sermon Series
Who's Right? Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 134 Emmanuel, Emmanuel MCGEE
(sing twice)

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY
(8:30) Wexford Carol arr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Leonard Danek

*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) Still, Still, Still arr. Ben Logan
(10:45) Once He Came in Blessing 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 136 Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming PLEADING SAVIOR

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

POSTLUDE
(8:30) God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Michael T. Smith
(10:45) Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

All members of Crestwood are encouraged to stay a few minutes after the 10:45 AM worship service (or come back to church, if you attend the 8:30 AM service) for a congregational meeting to approve the 2025 budget. The meeting shouldn't take long, but your participation is important. Thank you!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY

TODAY at 4:30 PM

Join us for our children and youth Christmas play, 'Parking Lot Pageant', in the sanctuary. Our church Christmas dinner will immediately follow the program.



ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

TODAY at 5:00 PM

All are invited as we join together for a church family dinner and singing led by our children. Please plan to be a part of this meal as we connect and celebrate.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Payments due TODAY



Each plant costs \$10. Call the office to place an order (859-266-0459) or use the QR code to order. The Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by December 22. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 21, 6:00 PM

We are approaching the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Memories of lost loved ones and the pain of present experiences and situations can become overwhelming. While the holidays are supposed to be full of joy, some of us experience sadness, grief, or anxiety. You are not alone. The Stephen Ministers invite you to a service acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM Children's Service
7:00 PM Candlelight Service (live-streamed)
10:30 PM Organ Prelude
11:00 PM Candlelight Service

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: the family of Joe Clark, Tracy Lovan, Joan Stafford

FAMILY: the family of Sandra Deerhake (mother of Amanda Deerhake), Jim Ernst (husband of Becky Ernst), the family of Jane Collins Gummel (sister of Susan Schell), Judy Walden (mother of Connie Guilfoil)

FRIENDS: the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Mary Duff (of Dana Adamson), 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.

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
December 15, 2024**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 15

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Bradford Room
- 4:30 PM - Children and Youth Pageant - Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM - All-Church Christmas Dinner - Gym

Wednesday, December 18

- 10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall
- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
- 6:30 PM - All-Church Caroling

Thursday, December 19

- 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

Sunday, December 22

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 4:00 PM - All-Youth Holiday Party



In the Beginning Sermon Series

Matthew and Luke - Who's Right?

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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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>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> In the Beginning Sermon Series John - Bigger Than a Baby Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson</p>
	<p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u></p> <p><u>Elder</u> 8:30 Natalee Feese 10:45 Bob Shanklin</p> <p><u>Liturgist</u> 8:30 Kelly Hale 10:45 Jeanette Knowles</p>

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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