

December 22, 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) The First Noel arr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45) From Heaven Above to Earth I Come arr. Walter Pelz
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

(8:30) Dan Pence
(10:45) the Guckenberger family

*HYMN 132 When God Is a Child MOON BEAMS
(v. 1-4)

READING FROM SCRIPTURE John 3:16-19
In the pew Bibles, on page 94 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) Hail Mary William L. Dawson
Audri Hughes, mezzo soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE John 1:1-14
In the pew Bibles, on page 91-92 of the Second Testament

SERMON In the Beginning Sermon Series
Bigger Than a Baby Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 159 There's a Song in the Air! CHRISTMAS SONG

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY
(8:30) Good King Wenceslas arr. Jay Rouse
(10:45) Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion (from "Messiah")
Grace Ashley, soprano George Frederic Handel

*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) Gesu Bambino arr. Ovid Young
(10:45) Noel for the Flute Stops Louis-Claude Daquin

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 167 Go Tell It on the Mountain
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

POSTLUDE
(8:30) Christmas Bells arr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45) From Heaven Above to Earth I Come arr. Wilbur Held

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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

ALL YOUTH INVITED TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Today, December 22, from 4:00-6:00 PM in the CYF room, all youth are welcome to come enjoy yummy treats and laugh with us as we do our annual gift exchange! Bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$25, suitable for anyone in the group. Email Steph Wallace with your questions. It will be a joyous and merry time of food and fellowship! Join us!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING FOR HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed December 25-January 1 for the Christmas holiday. If you have an emergency, please contact one of the ministers for assistance. Merry Christmas!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SERVICE

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Worship Service will be on Sunday, January 19, at 6:00 PM at Central Christian Church on Short Street. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to join with other Disciples from around Lexington to honor the legacy of Dr. King. Please make plans to join us!

422 FOOD BOXES AND MORE!

THANK YOU, Crestwood, for making this possible - we raised enough to fill 422 food boxes for The Nest and still have a few hundred dollars left to buy food for the Blessing Box. Your love is truly helping make a tangible difference for families facing food insecurity this season!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: the family of Joe Clark, Tracy Lovan, John Royse, 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.

<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> Spiritual Gym Passes 1 Peter 1:13-16 Steph Wallace</p>
	<p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u></p> <p><u>Elder</u> 8:30 Sonny Wray 10:45 Patti Bridges</p> <p><u>Liturgist</u> 10:45 Frank Spragens</p>

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
December 22, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Tuesday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 PM - Children's Service
7:00 PM - Candlelight Service
10:30 PM - Organ Prelude
11:00 PM - Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 26
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

Sunday, December 29
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service



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John 1:1-14

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.*

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister Missy Wallace, Children's Minister Rev. Kelly Hale, 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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