

December 29, 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 Joy to the World arr. Lloyd Larson
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We stand on the cusp of a new year this morning...

All: A chance to renew our relationship with God and build up our faith.

Leader: We stand here, God, with hope and determination in our hearts...

All: To know You, to grow closer to You, and to live out Your will for us.

Leader: God, we know all things are possible with You.

All: Teach us, God, and give us the perseverance we need.

Leader: May today be the start of a year filled with joy and blessings for all Your children.

All: We praise You, God, and worship Your holy name today, and every day!

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

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:1-16
In the pew Bibles, on page 566 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 (10:45) The Sussex Mummer's Carol, Old English Carol
arr. Greg Gilpin

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:13-16
In the pew Bibles, on page 232 of the Second Testament

SERMON Spiritual Gym Passes Steph Wallace

HYMN 323 Wonderful Words of Life WORDS OF LIFE

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy arr. Lloyd Larson

*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

Sweet Little Jesus Boy arr. Mark Hayes
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 518 This Is a Day of New Beginnings BEGINNINGS

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) Gloria

POSTLUDE Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Mark Hayes

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UNDECORATING THE SANCTUARY

Please join us on Saturday, January 4, at 9:00 AM as we undecorate the sanctuary from the Christmas season. It takes a lot of hands to make this happen quickly, so come join in the fun!

YOUTH SERVING DINNER AT LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION ON JANUARY 8!

Please consider helping us out by providing a portion of the meal or going with us to Lexington Rescue Mission (LRM) to serve dinner that evening. All food needs to be at Crestwood by 4:15 PM on Wednesday, January 8. We will leave church promptly at 4:30 PM to go to LRM. We finish around 6:00 PM.

[Click here](#) to sign up to bring food or to help serve.

Thank you for helping us make the new year a little brighter for our brothers and sisters who are facing homelessness in Lexington!

JANUARY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our January Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 11, in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us! A tasty breakfast and good conversation will be provided. Please RSVP to Kory if you can attend.

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!

The church office will be closed

from December 25-January 1.

We'll see you again

in the new year!

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!



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)

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 29, 2024**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 29

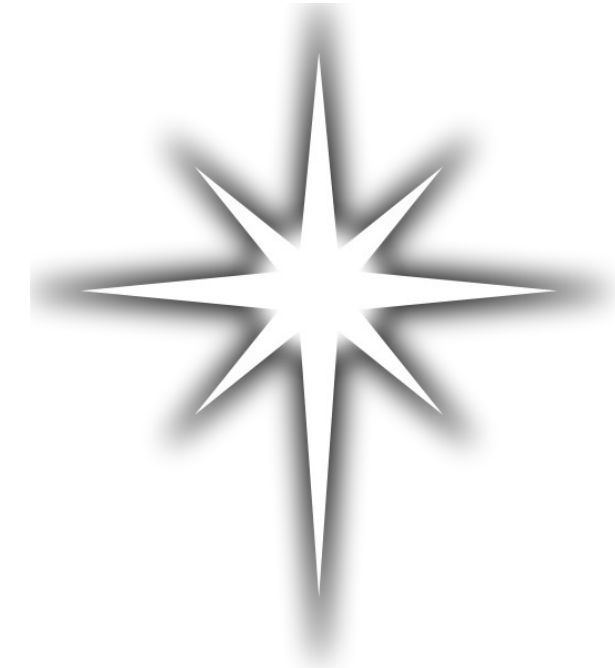
- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service

Thursday, January 2

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

Sunday, January 5

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group - Chi Rho Room
- 5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group - CYF Room



Spiritual Gym Passes

1 Peter 1:13-16

Steph Wallace

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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><u>Next Sunday</u> Rise and Shine Isaiah 60:1-6 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson</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>Today's Worship Leaders</u> <u>Elder</u> 8:30 John Gretz 10:45 Gayle Hutcherson <u>Liturgist</u> 8:30 Kelly Hale 10:45 Bill McDonald</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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