

January 5, 2025

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) This Great Day arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.  
(10:45) Fanfare and Proclamation for a New Year Philip Lehenbauer  
*We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.*

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman)

Leader: When the song of the angels is stilled...

**People: When the star in the sky is gone...**

Leader: When the shepherds are back with their flocks...

**People: The work of Christmas begins.**

Leader: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry.

**People: To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations.**

Leader: To bring peace among people, to make music in our hearts.

**People: Let's get to work!**

\*HYMN 149 Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Scarlett Hobbs

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 2 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) "Still, Still, Still," Austrian Carol arr. Norman Luboff  
Carolyn DuPont, harp

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 690 of the First Testament*

SERMON Rise and Shine! Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 129 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates TRURO

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY (8:30) We Three Kings arr. Lloyd Larson  
(10:45) Arise and Shine in Splendor Johannes Brahms

\*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) Brightest and Best arr. Mark Hayes  
(10:45) O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright arr. Charles Callahan

*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 143 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) Gloria

POSTLUDE (8:30) Gloria in Excelsis Deo arr. Mark Hayes  
(10:45) From Heaven Above to Earth I Come arr. Wilbur Held  
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**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.

See Steph Wallace 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**

You are invited to join a service to celebrate and remember the important legacy, ministry, and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, alongside other Disciples churches on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will host the 35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service, featuring acclaimed guest preacher, **Rev. Dr. Delesslyn Audra Kennebrew**. A reception will follow the service. This service will also be livestreamed on Central Christian Church's Facebook and YouTube pages.



**LITURGISTS NEEDED**

Lend your voice to our worship services! We're looking for liturgists for both services on Sunday morning. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided during the week before). We'd love to have you be part of leading worship on Sunday, so please sign up. No previous experience necessary! Talk to Kory for more information and for the link to sign up.

**Joys and Concerns**

**MEMBERS:** Tracy Lovan, John Royse

**FAMILY:** the family of Jane Collins Gummel (sister of Susan Schell), Lisa Jern (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Carter Yates (nephew of Stephanie Moore)

**FRIENDS:** the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Denise McGaughey (of Kay Thomas)

**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), OHenrietta 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><b>Our Vision</b></p> <p>Connecting People to God and Each Other</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday</b></p> <p>Modern-day Proverbs sermon series</p> <p>“Too Many Irons in the Fire”</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson</p>
<p><b>Our Mission</b></p> <p>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><b>Today's Worship Leaders</b></p> <p><u>Elder</u></p> <p>8:30 Katherine Steckler 10:45 Sonny Wray</p> <p><u>Liturgist</u></p> <p>8:30 Natalee Feese 10:45 Jay Prather</p>

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD**  
January 5, 2025

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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

**Tuesday, January 7**

- 9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

**Wednesday, January 8**

- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
- 2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee - Bradford Room

**Thursday, January 9**

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

**Saturday, January 11**

- 8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room

**Sunday, January 12**

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:00 PM - DWM Board Meeting - Bradford Room
- 4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group - Chi Rho Room
- 5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group - CYF Room



***Rise and Shine***

***Isaiah 60:1-6***

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**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister</li> <li>Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister</li> <li>Missy Wallace, Children's Minister</li> <li>Rev. Kelly Hale, Minister of Pastoral Care</li> <li>Mary Van Kesteren, Office Administrator</li> <li>Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frank Spragens, Music Director</li> <li>Cindy Abernathy, Pianist</li> <li>Jane Johnson, Organist</li> <li>Amber Combs, Childcare Director</li> </ul> |
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