

November 28, 2021 8:30 & 10:45 AM  
The First Sunday of Advent

### 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 Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
arr. Jerry Westerkuehler  
10:45 O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Martha Kelsey  
*We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.*

### Connecting with God

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we begin this Advent season, we need to be reminded.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Remind us that you came to show us how to love one another.

**People: Come Lord, Jesus.**

Leader: Remind us that you have conquered all our fears, even death.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Remind us that you bring new life and hope this Christmas.

**People: Let us join our hearts as we await the coming of Christ.**

\*HYMN 119 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1)  
Veni Emmanuel

ADVENT CANDLE READING AND LIGHTING Libby Sharpe (8:30)  
The Hobbs family (10:45)

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 "Comfort Ye My People," recitative for tenor  
"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," aria for tenor  
From "Messiah," George Frideric Handel; Houston Tyrell, tenor

### Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-5  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 667 of the First Testament*

SERMON SERIES The Promises of Christmas Rev. Kory Wilcoxson  
#1 - The Promise of Comfort

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 122 Comfort, Comfort You My People Geneva 42

### Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

8:30 Coventry Carol arr. Lloyd Larson  
10:45 And the Glory of the Lord  
From "Messiah," George Frideric Handel; Houston Tyrell, tenor

#### \*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 I Wonder as I Wander arr. C.E. Walz  
10:45 Once He Came in Blessing Marcel Dupre

*Please take the bread when you receive your communion cup. Please wait and take the juice after the Elder's prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option. Please take the communion cup with you and recycle it after the service.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*If you would like more information or are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.*

\*HYMN 125 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus Hyfrodol

#### \*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

#### POSTLUDE

8:30 Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Jeff Bennett  
10:45 O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. David Lasky

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## ADVENT SERMON SERIES

### The Promises of Christmas

The power of the Christmas season is that it is pregnant with the promises of Emmanuel, the hope that God will become one of us and show us in new ways God's transformative power. How might Christmas be different for us this year if we look back at those promises and what they mean for us today? For our Advent sermon series, we'll be looking at the word of the prophets about the coming of Jesus, and how those promises can change our understanding of the challenges of this world. Join us for Advent as we lean into God's promises and await the birth of the Christ Child!

Nov. 28 - Isaiah 40 - The Promise of Comfort

Dec. 5 - Isaiah 9 - The Promise of Peace

Dec. 12 - Service of Lessons and Carols

Dec. 19 - Isaiah 11 - The Promise of Light

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, Dec. 5, after the 10:45 AM service to vote on the 2022 operating budget. We ask that all members of Crestwood please plan on staying after that service for a few minutes while we conduct this important business.

## NEST FOOD BOXES

Today is the last day to donate food for the Nest food boxes. Donations can be dropped between 3-5 PM in the Mission Center.

Items needed to fill one Nest Food Box: 3 cans vegetables, 3 cans fruit, 2 cans chicken broth, 1 box spaghetti, 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce, 1 lb bag of pinto beans, 2 boxes Mac & Cheese, 1 box or bag of stuffing mix, 1 box all-purpose baking mix (Bisquick), 1 box dessert mix (brownies, cake, or cookies).

## ANGEL TREES

We still have angels left online from our Angel Tree! Each angel represents a child in Lexington who needs our help to have a Merry Christmas. Please contact Peggy King to learn more about our online Angel Tree. Let's all do our part to bring joy to a child this Christ-

## TAKE-HOME ADVENT KITS

We have Advent kits available for families (in the Children's wing) and adults (in the breezeway). The kits contain decorations and activities to help you celebrate the season of Advent. Feel free to pick one up on your way out.

**Joys and Concerns**

**MEMBERS:** The family of Julia Blondell, the family of Georgia Meece, Bob Noel, Kayden Sovkoplas

**FAMILY:** Gary Caudill (brother of LaVonne Caudill), Glenn Davis (brother of Julie McDonald), The family of Ronnie Hensley (cousin of Ashley Brown & Lindsey Whealton), Mark Johnson (brother of Bill Johnson), Greg Powell (brother of David Powell), Shirley Powell (mother of David Powell), Anisa Willis (daughter of Rose Willis)

**FRIENDS:** Karen Dove (of Joanne Brown), Martha Duttlinger (of Crestwood), Joan MacNair (of Joanne Brown), Becky Witt (Of Kimberly Sparks)

**ARMED FORCES:** Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Paul Baird (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), Blake and Jill Chambers and family (grandson of Karen Billings), Travis Cramer (son of Rick and Cathy Tittmann), Daniel Day (grandson of John and Carol Royse and son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), Scott Eldridge (of Pamela Wainscott), Andrew Lynn (grandson of Karen Billings), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Daniel Sigler (son of David and Pam Sigler), Dalcus Sparks (nephew of Andrea Back)

**HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS:** Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Faye Cooper, Carolyn Floyd, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John and Carolyn Thomas, Mary Janice Towles

**OUR WORLD COMMUNITY:** We pray for the inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, for those affected by COVID and natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD  
November 28, 2021**

**Sunday, November 28**

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- Noon Children's Christmas Choir Practice
- 3:00 PM Youth working on sorting for food boxes

**Tuesday, November 30**

- 12:00 PM Hungry for God - Zoom
- 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

**Wednesday, December 1**

- 9:30 AM Library Team - Library Team
- 11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Admin Wing
- 1:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study - Bradford Room

**Thursday, December 2**

- 9:30 AM Stephen Ministers - MC4
- 11:00 AM Bible Study - Chalice Hall
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice - Choir Room

**Sunday, December 5**

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- Noon Children's Christmas Choir Practice
- 1:00 PM Family Advent Workshop - Chalice Hall
- 3:00 PM Youth and volunteers filling Nest food boxes



*The Promises of Christmas*



*The Promise of Comfort*

<p><u>Our Vision</u> Connecting People to God and Each Other</p> <p><u>Our Mission</u> 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> <b>The Promise of Peace</b> Rev. Kory Wilcoxson</p>
	<p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u></p> <p><u>Elder</u> 8:30 Libby Wachtel 10:45 Pat Nielsen</p> <p><u>Liturgist</u> 10:45 Roberta Buckley</p>

<u>CHURCH STAFF</u>	
Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister	Frank Spragens, Music Director
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister	Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister	Jane Johnson, Organist
Peggy King, Children's Coordinator	Tara Monzon, PDO Director
Brianna May, Facilities Manager	Amber Combs, Childcare Center 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.*