

January 2, 2022

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

March of the Kings arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.

We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

People: Darkness has been banished!

Leader: God's light of hope floods the earth.

People: God's light comes to us all.

Leader: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

People: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. Amen.

*HYMN 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Maelee Thompson

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-4

In the pew Bibles, on page 91 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

8:30

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

Katherine Steckler, soprano

10:45

Behold the Star

William L. Dawson

Katherine Steckler, soprano; Houston Tyrrell, tenor

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

In the pew Bibles, on page 2 of the Second Testament

SERMON

Following the Star

Rev. Trish Standifur

HYMN 161

I Wonder as I Wander

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Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings of Orient Are

arr. Lloyd Larson

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

OR
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

Brightest and Best

arr. Mark Hayes

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 173

As with Gladness

DIX

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Michael T. Smith

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START THE NEW YEAR IN A BIBLE STUDY

This is a great time to join one of our opportunities to study the Bible with others. We have a men's study on Tuesday evening and daytime groups on Wednesday and Thursday. If you are interested in a study on the weekend or are a woman and want an evening study, please talk to Trish.

JANUARY DWM SERVICE PROJECT: GREENHOUSE17

GreenHouse17 nurtures lives harmed by intimate partner abuse by providing safe shelter and counseling. Items especially needed include: ladies underwear sizes 6-10, towels, twin size bedding (bedding in a bag), 55-gallon trash bags, disposable plates, cups, napkins, and eating utensils. Please place all items in the designated container marked "DWM" in the glassed-in breezeway between Chalice Hall and the Administration Wing. If you prefer, monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to Crestwood Christian DWM and write "GreenHouse17" on the memo line. Please send to the DWM Treasurer Carol Rogers. Anyone is welcome to donate. For further information on this service project, please contact Kathy Stone at 368-8327.

DWM CIRCLE MEETINGS

Please note that masks are strongly recommended for all while inside the church buildings

January Bible Study:

"Lessons From Rizpah" (II Samuel 3:7, 21:8-11)

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, January 17, 6:45 p.m. in Chalice Hall and on Zoom
Fran McKinney will lead the Bible study, and Pat Nielsen will be our hostess.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, January 18, 9:45 a.m. in Chalice Hall and on Zoom
Susan Neff will present the Bible study, and Monte LaFrana will be our hostess.

Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. in Chalice Hall and on Zoom
Sice Shanklin will present the Bible study program.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: The family of Billie Johnson, Caleb and Kate Joy, Asa McCracken and family, Susan Neff, David Powell and family

FAMILY: **Sandy Keith** (daughter of Joanne Whiteker), **John Reed** (son of Marilyn Miracle), **Analise Willis** (daughter of Rose Willis)

FRIENDS: **The family of Martha Duttlinger** (of Crestwood), **Blake Brewster** (of James Pelfrey), **the family and friends of Dianna Brown Golphin** (of Bettye Burns), **Carolyn Hopkins and family** (of Betty Barton), **the family of Emma Keyser** (of Tara Wilkinson), **Joe and Anita Woods** (of Betty Barton)

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.

Our Vision

Connecting People to God
and Each Other

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.

Next Sunday

Passing Through
Romans 6:1-5
Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder
8:30 Rick Fern
10:45 Gayle Hutcherson
Liturgist
8:30 & 10:45 Katherine Steckler

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD January 2, 2022

Sunday, January 2

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

Monday, January 3

7:00 PM Local Outreach - Mission Center 3

Tuesday, January 4

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

Wednesday, January 5

9:30 AM Library Team - Church Library
11:30 AM Heart-to-Heart Team - Zoom
1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM Combined Youth Zoom Game Night

Thursday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 9

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Chancel Choir
10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:15 PM DWM Board Meeting - Zoom



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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Peggy King, Children's Coordinator
Brianna May, Facilities Manager
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Jane Johnson, Organist
Tara Monzon, PDO 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.*