

December 19, 2021 8:30 & 10:45 AM
The Fourth 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 What Child Is This arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Flor Peeters
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are on the doorstep of the manger.

People: We await the miracle of Christ's birth.

Leader: The candle of hope is lit for the future.

People: The candle of peace reminds us to be kind.

Leader: The candle of joy fills our heart with warmth.

People: The candle of love burns brightly in the darkness.

Leader: Today, we come to worship the God of new life.

People: Today, we praise Jesus as "God with us."

*HYMN 119 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 4) VENI EMMANUEL

ADVENT CANDLE READING AND LIGHTING Jessie Fennell (8:30)
The Brancato Family (10:45)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Away in a Manger / Silent Night / Born is the King

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 Advent Hymn Wesley/Christy Nockels
Jim Abernathy, soloist
10:45 The First Nowell arr. Mack Wilburg

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7
In the pew Bibles, on page 638 of the First Testament

SERMON SERIES The Promises of Christmas Rev. Kory Wilcoxson
The Promise of Light

HYMN 135 Blessed Be the God of Israel MERLE'S TUNE

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 The First Noel arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 The Snow Lay on the Ground Leo Sowerby

*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 Still, Still, Still arr. Ben Logan
10:45 Unto Us a Boy is Born arr. Wilbur Held
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 159 There's a Song in the Air CHRISTMAS SONG

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

POSTLUDE

8:30 Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Cindy Berry
10:45 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come arr. Wilbur Held

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LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE
Tuesday, December 21, 6 PM

We are approaching the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. But this time of year, nights are long for other reasons. Memories of lost loved ones and the pain of present experiences and situations can become overwhelming. While the holidays are supposed to be full of joy, some of us experience sadness, grief, or anxiety. You are not alone. On Tuesday, December 21, we will join together for worship acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Wednesday, December 22, 6 PM

Join us as we spread holiday cheer to some of our neighbors and church members! We'll depart from church at 6 PM and share in some hot chocolate and fellowship when we're done. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing!

DECEMBER DWM SERVICE PROJECT: CHRYSALIS HOUSE

Chrysalis House is a substance abuse treatment program for women. They provide domestic violence counseling, job readiness training, medical care and child services. Items especially needed include: feminine hygiene products (Tampax), twin sheets, deodorant, body wash, body lotion, bus passes (\$1 each), and diapers. 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 "CH" 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed December 27 - 31. Crest articles for the January 10 edition are due by noon on Wednesday, January 5.

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM Children's Service
7:00 PM Candlelight Service
10:30 PM Organ Prelude
11:00 PM Candlelight Service

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Caleb and Kate Joy, Rainey McDonald, the family of Georgia Meece, the family of Bob Noel, David Powell and family, the family of Bill Rea, Kayden Sovkoplas

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

FRIENDS: Karen Dove (of Joanne Brown), **Martha Duttlinger** (of Crestwood), **the family and friends of Dianna Brown Golphin** (of Bettye Burns), **Carolyn Hopkins and family** (of Betty Barton), **Joan MacNair** (of Joanne Brown), **the family of Becky Witt** (of Kimberly Sparks), **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

Our One-Day-Old Birthday

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elders

8:30 Pat Nielsen
10:45 Doug Michael

Liturgists

8:30 Kelly Hale
10:45 Roberta Buckley

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD December 19, 2021

Sunday, December 19

8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Choir Practice
10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
Noon Elders Reception - Chalice Hall / Zoom
3:00 PM Combined Youth Holiday Party

Monday, December 20

7:00 PM World Outreach - Bradford Room

Tuesday, December 21

9:45 AM Naomi DWM - Chalice Hall / Zoom
Noon Hungry for God - Zoom
6:00 PM Longest Night Service
8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesday, December 22

1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM Church Caroling

Thursday, December 23

11:00 AM Bible Study - Chalice Hall
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, December 24

5:00 PM Children's Service - Sanctuary
7:00 PM Candlelight Service - Sanctuary
10:30 PM Organ Prelude
11:00 PM Candlelight Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 26

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



The Promises of Christmas



The Promise of Light

December 19, 2021

8:30 and 10:45 AM

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. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
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