

December 26, 2021

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 Good Christian Men, Rejoice arr. Martha S. Kelsey  
10:45 Noel Festival Lloyd Larson  
Rick Jouett, trumpet

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

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from 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 143 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 58 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) Ave Maria Franz Schubert  
Erin Keesy, soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-38  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 59 of the Second Testament*

SERMON Our One-Day-Old Birthday Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 162 What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 Away in a Manger arr. Cindy Berry  
10:45 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day arr. Roy Ringwald

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

8:30 Gesu Bambino arr. Ovid Young  
10:45 Sing We Now of Christmas 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 167 Go Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) In Excelsis Deo

POSTLUDE

8:30 Christmas Day arr. Eugene Butler  
10:45 Noel Angevin Cesar Franck

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**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.

**POINSETTIA PICKUP**

If you purchased a poinsettia and have not picked it up, please do so by January 3. The poinsettias will be located in the glass breezeway. Thank you for helping decorate our sanctuary for Christmas!

**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.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** the family of Billie Johnson, Caleb and Kate Joy, Asa McCracken and family, the family of Bob Noel, David Powell and family, the family of Bill Rea

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

**FRIENDS:** **The family and friends of Dianna Brown Golphin** (of Bettye Burns), **Carolyn Hopkins and family** (of Betty Barton), **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.

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD December 26, 2021

### Sunday, December 26

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

### December 27-31

Church Office Closed

All regular church activities cancelled



### 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

Following the Star  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Rev. Trish Standifur

### Today's Worship Leaders

Elder  
8:30 & 10:45 Sonny Wray

Liturgist  
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### CHURCH STAFF

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.*