

December 5, 2021 8:30 & 10:45 AM
The Second 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 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybould

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

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, prepare us to receive your gift this Christmas.

People: Make us expectant like John the Baptist.

Leader: Make us humble like Mary.

People: Make us obedient like Joseph.

Leader: Make us filled with awe like the shepherds.

People: Make us seek Christ like the magi.

Leader: Lord, may we open our ears to hear the angels sing...

People: ...and open our hearts to receive the Christ child once again.

*HYMN 119 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 2) VENI EMMANUEL

ADVENT CANDLE READING AND LIGHTING Rick Fern (8:30)
The Bacon 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

8:30 The Miracle Hymn
Katherine Steckler, soprano
10:45 In the Bleak Midwinter Harold Darke
Jazmin Salaberrios, soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-9
In the pew Bibles, on page 640 of the First Testament

SERMON SERIES The Promises of Christmas Rev. Kory Wilcoxson
#2 - The Promise of Peace

HYMN 124 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (v. 1 and 4) PICARDY

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 Savior of the Nations, Come J.S. Bach

*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 How Far Is It to Bethlehem arr. David Paxton
10:45 Of the Father's Love Begotten 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 677 Let There Be Peace on Earth WORLD PEACE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

POSTLUDE

8:30 Masters in This Hall arr. Mark Hayes
10:45 Toccata on "Savior of the Nations, Come" Paul Manz

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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!

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 today 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.

**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.

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.

**THE KENTUCKIANS CHORUS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7 PM**

The Kentuckians Chorus will provide us a free preview of their Christmas show! Join us for great music and some laughs. This is their "Thank You" for us letting them use our space for rehearsals.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Rainey McDonald, the family of Georgia Meece, the family of Bob Noel, the family of Bill Rea, 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), 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), the family of 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
December 5, 2021**

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
- 12:30 PM Advent Workshop - Chalice Hall
- 3:00 PM Combined Youth Groups

Monday, December 6

- 7:00 PM Local Outreach
- 7:00 PM World Outreach

Tuesday, December 7

- 12:00 PM Hungry for God - Zoom
- 7:00 PM Kentuckians Chorus Concert - Sanctuary
- 8:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesday, December 8

- Noon Personnel Team - Zoom
- 1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM Combined Youth Zoom
- 8:00 PM Keeping Christmas - Zoom

Thursday, December 9

- 11:00 AM Bible Study - Chalice Hall
- 6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, December 10

- Noon Holiday Funch Group

Saturday, December 11

- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 12

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group
- 4:00 PM CYF Youth Group

CHURCH STAFF

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| 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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The Promises of Christmas



The Promise of Peace

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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.*

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

Service of Lessons and Carols

Today's Worship Leaders

Elders

- 8:30 John Royse
- 10:45 Doug Michael

Liturgists

- 8:30 Katherine Steckler
- 10:45 Jay Prather