

December 4, 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

8:30 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Mary's Song of Praise in Luke 1)

Leader: Arise, God's people to greet this day.

People: Our souls magnify the Lord!

Leader: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

People: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

Leader: God is our Maker and our Redeemer.

People: From generation to generation, God gives mercy.

Leader: God fills the hungry and lifts up the lowly.

People: God fulfills the promises God made to our ancestors.

*HYMN 124 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (v. 1 and 2) PICARDY

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

John & Carol Royse (8:30); the Deerhake 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 I Still Believe in Christmas
Katherine Steckler, soprano
10:45 "Gaudete" traditional arr. Brian Kay
Houston Tyrell, tenor

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 1:39-56
In the pew Bibles, on page 57 of the Second Testament

SERMON *From Generation to Generation Sermon Series*
"Naming the Future" Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 130 My Soul Gives Glory to My God MORNING SONG

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 In the Bleak Midwinter arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 Once He Came in Blessing Marcel Dupre'

*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 Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Leah Davis

Please eat the bread when you receive your communion cup, then wait and drink the juice after the Elder's prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option. We encourage you to recycle your communion cup after the service.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.

*HYMN 136 Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming PLEADING SAVIOR

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

POSTLUDE

8:30 Masters in This Hall arr. Mark Hayes
10:45 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers
arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 11, after the 10:45 AM worship service, to vote in the 2023 budget. Please make plans to attend this important meeting. Thank you!

THE KENTUCKIANS CHORUS CONCERT FOR CRESTWOOD

TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 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 hosting them for their rehearsals.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

PAYMENTS & ORDERS DUE DEC. 11

Please place your order and submit your payments by Dec. 11 if you would like to participate in our poinsettia orders this year. Each plant costs \$8. Order forms are available in the friendship pads or you can call the office (859-266-0459). Keep an eye out for the Weekly and the Crest to click on the order form link. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by Dec. 23. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

SAVE THE DATE: ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 5 PM

All are invited as we join together for a church family dinner and singing led by our children. See you there! Please RSVP to the church office by Dec. 15 if you plan to attend.

ADULT ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL

You know about the cuddly baby in the swaddling cloths and the choirs of angels, but have you looked closely at the story? A stinky manger, an unwed virgin, a crazy guy in the wilderness...what's going on here?

Join the Sunday School Class led by Kory as we take a look at some of the more obscure parts of the Christmas story. We meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in MC4 in the Mission Center.

The Bradford Class will meet in the Bradford Room in the Mission Center each Sunday as well. See you at 9:30AM each Sunday to discuss Advent!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE BY DEC. 9

Thank you to everyone who has signed out an angel! Turn in gifts by Dec. 9.

We are now taking donations of hats, scarves, and gloves (all sizes) to be donated to a local shelter. Please place your donations on one of the angel trees, and thank you for helping to keep people warm this winter!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Jo Fulkerson, Fay Isaacs, Fran McKinney, Jeanna Ott, Mary Janice Towles

FAMILY: **Jim Ernst** (husband of Becky Ernst), **Walter Finger** (father of Joanne Brown), **Margaret Mauney** (mother of Natalee Feese), **Danny Lee Meyers** (brother of Jeanna Ott), **Jim Wallace** (of Steph & Scott Wallace), **Anisa Willis** (daughter-in-law of Rose Willis)

FRIENDS: the family of **Margie Drake** (of Crestwood), **Mary Faulkner** (of Crestwood), **Billie Jean Glass** (of Crestwood), the family of **Marnie Denise Schlansky Michael** (of Crestwood), **Linda Owens** (of Kimberly Sparks)

ARMED FORCES: **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Paul Baird** (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), **Matt Holman** (son of Gaye Holman), **Daniel Day** (grandson of John and Carol Royse and son of Tracy Day), **Bud DeLacey** (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), **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, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Faye Cooper, Jacqueline Lindsey, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John and Carolyn Thomas, Mary Janice Towles

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by all forms of violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine, 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 4, 2022**

Sunday, December 4 [2nd Sunday of Advent]

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM COMBINED Youth Group Meeting (FOOD BOX FILLING)
- 5:30 PM Youth Dinner - Chalice Hall

Monday, December 5

- 6:00 PM Called Admin Board Mtg - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:00 AM Library Team - Church Library
- 7:00 PM Kentuckians Chorus Concert for Crestwood

Wednesday, December 7

- 1:00 PM Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, December 8

- 11:00 AM Bible Study - Bradford Room
- Noon Crest Articles Due for Special Edition Dec. 15
- 6:00 PM Finance Team - Zoom
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, December 11 [3rd Sunday of Advent]

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:45 AM Congregational Meeting following service
- 4:00 PM Chi Rho Youth Group
- 5:00 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 |
| Missy Wallace, Children's Minister | Amber Combs, Childcare Director |
| Jennifer Smith, Office Administrator | Tara Monzon, PDO Director |
| Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager | |

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From Generation to Generation Sermon Series

“Naming the Future”

Luke 1:39-56

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

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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

*From Generation to Generation
Sermon Series*

“Choosing the Way Forward”

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder

- 8:30 Katherine Steckler
- 10:45 Bob Shanklin