

December 11, 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

Coventry Carol arr. Lloyd Larson
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This Advent season, we wait...

People: We wait for the Christ child to give us hope.

Leader: This Advent season, we wait...

People: We wait for the Prince of Peace to calm our fears.

Leader: This Advent season, we wait...

People: We wait for the reminder that God is with us.

Leader: Let us look forward to the coming of Jesus once again.

People: We wait with great anticipation and joy!

*HYMN 132

When God Is a Child (v. 1-3) MOON BEAMS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Kelly & Ric Hale (8:30); the Prather 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 (10:45)

Personent Hodie arr. Vijay Singh

*Personent hodie
Voces puerulae,
Laudantes iucunde
Qui nobis est natus,
Summo Deo datus,
Ideo,ideo, ideo gloria
In excess Deo.*

*On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.*

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25

In the pew Bibles, on page 1 of the Second Testament

SERMON

From Generation to Generation Sermon Series
"Choosing the Way Forward" Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN

God of Generations SEE INSERT

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY What Child is This arr. Lloyd Larson

*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 Still, Still, Still arr. Ben Logan
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 135 Blessed Be the God of Israel MERLE'S TUNE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) Rejoice

POSTLUDE Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Jeff Bennett

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

POINSETTIA ORDERS

PAYMENTS & ORDERS DUE TODAY

Please place your order and submit your payments today 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/email the office (859-266-0459). If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

ADVENT ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, NOON

All are invited to join our Advent Zoom meeting for fellowship. Email Trish (trish@crestwoodchristian.org) if interested.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 6 PM

Join us as we spread holiday cheer to some of our neighbors! We'll depart from Crestwood at 6 PM. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing! Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 6 PM

The Stephen Ministers invite you to a service acknowledging and seeking the light that comes into the darkness. A soup supper will be served at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend the soup supper. Please join us Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Jo Fulkerson, Fay Isaacs, Fran McKinney, Jeanna Ott, the family of Brad Rister, 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: **Mary Faulkner** (of Crestwood), **Billie Jean Glass** (of Crestwood), **Beth Hoffmann** (of Crestwood), **the family of Marnie Denise Schlansky Michael** (of Crestwood), **the family of Foster Ockerman Jr.** (of Crestwood), **Linda Owens** (of Kimberly Sparks)

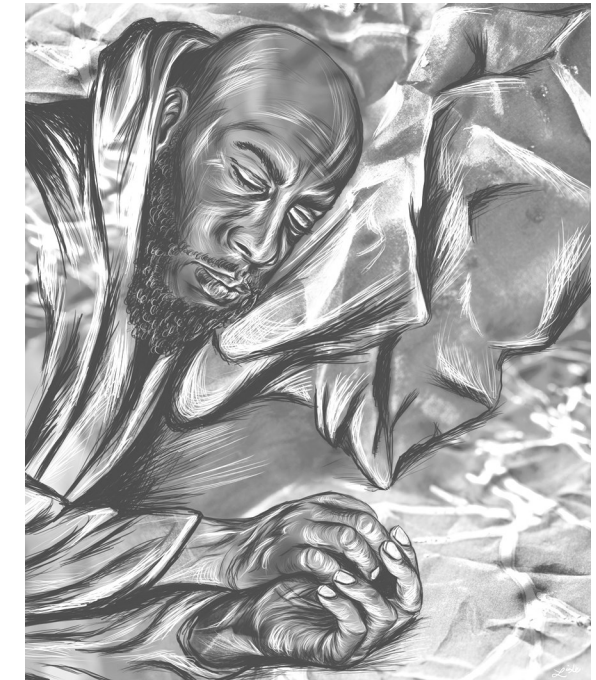
ARMED FORCES: **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Paul Baird** (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), **Matt Holman** (son of Gaye Holman), **Daniel Day** (grandson of John and Carol Royse and son of Tracy Day), **Bud DeLacey** (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), **Zoe McIntyre** (granddaughter of John 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 11, 2022**

- 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
- Monday, December 12
 6:30 PM DWM Mary Martha Cir. - Pat Moore's home
 6:30 PM Crestwood Book Club - Off-site
 7:00 PM Property Team - Admin Wing
- Wednesday, December 14
 Noon Advent Fellowship Online - Zoom
 1:00 PM Bible Study - MC4
 2:00 PM Safety & Security Committee - Admin Wing
- Thursday, December 15
 11:00 AM Bible Study - Bradford Room
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- Saturday, December 17
 8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal for Program - Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 18 [4th 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 Christmas Party
 5:00 PM All-Church Christmas Dinner
 (Please RSVP by contacting the church office)



From Generation to Generation Sermon Series

“Choosing the Way Forward”

Matthew 1:18-25

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

“Lessons & Carols”
Crestwood Choir

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder
8:30 Roberta Buckley
10:45 Patti Bridges

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 |
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