

December 25, 2022

11:00 AM

Gathering

WELCOME TO THE PARTY

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.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC I Saw Three Ships arr. 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

Leader: What are you doing here?

People: We're here to worship God!

Leader: But it's Christmas morning.

People: Exactly! It's the perfect time to be here.

Leader: We have much to celebrate today, don't we?

People: We have much to celebrate every day!

Leader: That's right! So...what should we do?

People: Let's have a party!

*BIRTHDAY SONG 143 Joy to the World! ANTIOCH

THE BIRTHDAY STORY Luke 2:1-7
In the pew Bibles, on page 58 of the Second Testament

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)*
**No Worship & Wonder or Bridge today*

THANKING GOD FOR THE PARTY

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.

CHOIR SONG Christmas Day arr. Gustav Holst
Gayle Hutcherson, soprano
Katherine Steckler, mezzo soprano
Doug Hutcherson, baritone

Proclaiming God's Word

LIGHTING THE BIRTHDAY CANDLES

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, the Christ Candle

BIRTHDAY SONG 159 There's a Song in the Air CHRISTMAS SONG

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

OUR PRESENTS FOR GOD

CHRISTMAS MUSIC He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child arr. David Lasky

*OFFERING GOD OUR PRESENTS

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.

*THANKING GOD

GOD'S GIFT TO US

REMEMBERING THE FIRST PARTY

SHARING GOD'S GIFT Of the Father's Love Begotten
arr. Christopher Uehlein
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.

THANKING GOD

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO OTHERS TO JOIN THE PARTY

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

*BIRTHDAY SONG 167 Go Tell It on the Mountain
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*BLOWING OUT THE CANDLE

CHORAL RESPONSE Gloria in Excelsis Deo

CHRISTMAS MUSIC God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Wilbur Held

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THE WARMTH OF THE SEASON

COLLECTING THROUGH JAN. 1

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our angel tree program! For those who would like to participate, we are decorating the angel trees with scarves, hats, and mittens through Jan. 1. All winter care clothing will be donated to local charities. Please join us in sharing the warmth of Christ's love.

CRESTWOOD CRASH COURSE

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

Are you new to Crestwood and would like more information about the church? Or have you been here awhile and want a refresher on this wonderful congregation? Join us in January for our Crestwood Crash Course! During these three weeks you'll learn all you ever wanted to know about Crestwood...and maybe some things you didn't even know you wanted to know! Everyone is welcome to join us for these classes. We'll meet at 4 PM in the Bradford Room.

Jan. 22 - A church on the outskirts of Lexington: The history of Crestwood

Jan. 29 - Who runs the church? Governance and decision-making at Crestwood

Feb. 5 - How do I get involved? The programs and ministries of Crestwood

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN JANUARY

Join us for breakfast! On Saturday, Jan. 14, we'll be hosting a men's breakfast in the Bradford Room at 8 AM. All men of Crestwood are invited to attend this time of food and fellowship. We hope to see you on Jan. 14!

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

JESUS IS PREACHING!

Wouldn't you like to hear a sermon from Jesus? Well...you can! Starting Jan. 8 and continuing through February, our sermon series will focus on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel. This sermon covers everything from who God blesses to how to deal with your enemies to whether or not you should worry. Jesus has some amazing things to say, so make plans to worship with us in the new year!

Jan. 8 Who is Blessed?
Jan. 15 Salty Christians
Jan. 22 Logs and Splinters

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, the family of Walt Forster, Jo Fulkerson, Fay Isaacs, Fran McKinney, Jeanna Ott, Estee Riling and family, the family of Brad Rister, Mary Janice Towles

FAMILY: **Walter Finger** (father of Joanne Brown), **Danny Lee Meyers** (brother of Jeanna Ott), **the family of Makenzie Harlin** (great-niece of Jason Taylor), **the family of Kerry Standifur** (cousin of Trish Standifur), **Jim Wallace** (of Steph & Scott Wallace), **Lois Waltrip** (stepmom of Connie Guilfoil), **Anisa Willis** (daughter-in-law of Rose Willis), **Virginia Wiseman and family** (mother of David Wiseman)

FRIENDS: **Billie Jean Glass** (of Crestwood), **Beth Hoffmann** (of Crestwood), **the family of Foster Ockerman Jr.** (of Crestwood), **Linda Owens** (of Kimberly Sparks), **the family of Matt Spencer** (of Tom & Billie Arnold)

ARMED FORCES: **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **Paul Baird** (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), **Karlis Bowman** (nephew of Debbie Bowman Gardner), **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), **Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler** (daughter-in-law & 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.

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

"Hoshmakaka"
Rev. Trish Standifur
11 AM only

Today's Worship Leader

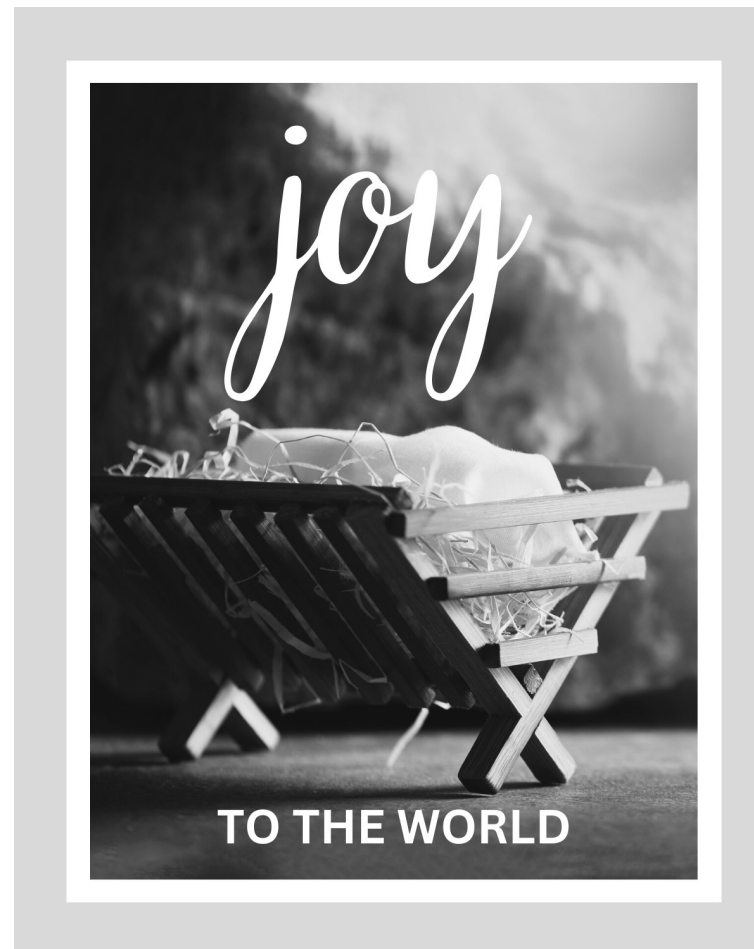
Elder
Joan Stafford

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD December 25, 2022

Sunday, December 25 [Christmas Day]
11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2
EACH DAY The Church Office is Closed

Sunday, January 1 [New Year's Day]
11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Jennifer Smith, Office Administrator
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager

Frank Spragens, Music Director
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Jane Johnson, Organist
Amber Combs, Childcare Director
Tara Monzon, PDO 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.*