

April 30, 2023

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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Janet Vogt
10:45 Partita on 'Crimond' Gordon Young
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has called out to those who are faithful.

People: We come to see what God has to show us.

Leader: We want to see the risen Christ.

People: We want to know that he is real.

Leader: We are open to receiving the Spirit of God.

People: We come to experience God's presence.

Leader: It is here where we meet once again our resurrected Savior.

People: We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

*HYMN 233 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Maelee Thompson

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 9:1-8
In the pew Bibles, on page 492 of the First 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) In Thee Is Gladness
Giovanni G. Gastoldi (1556-1622) arr. Daniel Kallman

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-20
In the pew Bibles, on page 54-55 of the Second Testament

SERMON "Snakes in the Church?" Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 322 O, Word of God Incarnate MUNICH

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 The Love of God arr. Tom Fettke
Jim Abernathy, soloist
10:45 Meditation Robert Cundick

*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 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name arr. Sandra Eithun
10:45 prayer on 'Rockingham' Brian Hunt
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 91 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION
(v. 1, 4, 5)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

8:30 Fantasia on Come Thou Fount arr. John Purifoy
10:45 Coronation Gordon Young

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SPACE FOR GOD

THURSDAYS 6:00 PM & MEAL SERVED AT 5:30 PM

As we celebrate once again the amazing grace and goodness of God, we want to offer an opportunity to grow in your connection to God. Using *Space for God* by Don Postema, we will learn ways to pray and create space for Spirit in our lives. Each week we will gather for a simple meal and fellowship at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm we will gather in the chapel. This is open to anyone wanting a deeper connection to God. This experience will be led by Trish and Steph. If you would like to come or have questions, please email trish@crestwoodchristian.org. RSVPs are helpful so we can order the books.

WE'RE HIRING

Crestwood is looking to hire an Office Administrator to join our team! If you know of anyone who might be interested or a good fit for our church office, then please have them send their resume and cover letter to Kory at kory@crestwoodchristian.org. They should include "Office Administrator" in the subject line of their email.

ADD YOUR VOICE TO OUR WORSHIP

We are looking for people who would be willing to serve as a liturgist for either the 8:30 or 10:45 AM service each Sunday. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided for you ahead of time). This is open to all ages! Please consider adding your voice to our worship service on Sunday morning. If you are interested, let Kory know.

PLUG IN!

Using Your Time and Talents at Crestwood

Whatever your interests and skills, Crestwood offers so many ways to connect to God and each other through service and ministry. What opportunities speak to your heart? Whether you've served on a ministry team for years or are looking for a new way to connect, we are excited to see how you can plug in and find a way to transform your gifts into service at Crestwood.

Spring is a time of renewal and growth. It's also when we conduct our annual Time and Talents Campaign. On May 7 and 14 you'll have an opportunity to complete a survey. You can complete the form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or complete the quick survey online. You can indicate that you'd like to continue serving where you are or specify your interests and talents that you can contribute in a new way, or we can reach out to you to help find a way for you to connect.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Wayne Dennis, Jo Fulkerson, Jeanna Ott, Mike and Dianne Toll

FAMILY: **Rebecca Carroll** (niece of Kimberly Sparks), **Dan Doty** (uncle of Karen Blakeman), **Anne Kopenhoefer King** (step-sister of Becky Ernst), **John Schiano** (father of Steph Wallace)

FRIENDS: **Betty Lou Evans** (of Crestwood), **Frank Giardina** (of Ed Gardner), **Dean Hendricksen** (of Bev Tucker), **family of Jewel Johnson** (of Alma Kidd), **Paul Litvin** (of Beverly Tucker), **Regina** (of Kimberly Sparks), **Sandra & Travis Roelke** (of Buryl & Janice Thompson), **Carol Rogow** (of Libby Watchtel), **the Trowbridge family** (of Alice Williams), **Deb Vorndran** (of Tara Wilkinson)

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 & Carolyn Thomas

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims & loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center & their families, an end to the war in Ukraine, the of God to rule in the hearts of our local & national leaders, for those affected by COVID & natural disasters, & 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

Hugging the Trunk
Matthew 25:13-30
Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder

8:30 Pat Nielsen
10:45 Bob Shanklin

Liturgists

8:30 Kelly Hale
10:45 Amy Treneff

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
April 30, 2023

Sunday, April 30	
8:30 AM	Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service - Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Children's Ministry Team - Zoom
4:00 PM	NO YOUTH GROUPS TODAY
Monday, May 1	
7:00 PM	Local Outreach - MC3
Tuesday, May 2	
9:00 AM	Library Team - Library
7:00 PM	Endowment Committee - Bradford Room
Wednesday, May 3	
1:00 PM	Bible Study - Bradford Room
Thursday, May 4	
9:30 AM	Stephen Ministers - Chapel
11:00 AM	Bible Study - Bradford Room
5:30 PM	Space for God - Chapel
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Sunday, May 7	
8:30 AM	Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:45 AM	Disciples Women's Ministry Board - MC3
4:00 PM	Combined Youth Groups

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
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister	Amber Combs, Childcare Director
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager	Tara Monzon, PDO Director



Snakes in the Church?

Mark 16:1-20

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.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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