

October 8, 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 Holy, Holy, Holy/Holy Is the Lord arr. Tom Fettke
10:45 Amazing Grace arr. Maureen Howell
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen.

People: God is more than we can ever imagine.

Leader: Our God is beyond human description.

People: And yet God loves each of us beyond measure.

Leader: The Creator of life has given us all things.

People: We feel God's presence as we pray and sing together.

Leader: We are called by the One who is just and merciful.

People: We are here to respond by offering our lives.

*HYMN 276 We Gather Together KREMSER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Isabel Kingsolver

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 42:1-6
In the pew Bibles, on page 515 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

It Is Well
Courtney Porter, mezzo soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 9:23-27
In the pew Bibles, on page 69 of the Second Testament

SERMON PLASTIC JESUS SERMON SERIES
Grace: Hiring a Cross-Bearing Service
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

**Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 628 Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

Responding to God's Word

COMMITMENT OF PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY
8:30 Be Thou My Vision arr. Jeff Bennett
10:45 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Charles Callahan

*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 The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Jeff Purifoy
10:45 Modal Elevation Dom Paul Benoit
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 543 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE

8:30 Fantasia on "Morning Song" arr. Lani Smith
10:45 God of Grace and God of Glory arr. Paul Manz

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HALLOWEEN BASH AND CHILI COOKOFF!

Crestwood Youth Groups invite you to join us on Sunday, October 29, from 4:00-6:00 PM for our Halloween Bash and Chili/Soup Cook-off!

Adults, bring a pot of your best chili or soup to share! Or bring a side dish, such as cornbread, salad, or dessert!

Youth and families, please sign up to decorate a door for trick-or-treating, as well as to help with games/crafts at the bash by contacting Steph Wallace or scanning the following QR code:



Kids, wear a costume and bring a bag to collect candy and prizes! There will be arts and crafts, trick-or-treating, and bouncy houses! Invite your friends and come join the fun!

WE NEED DONATIONS!!!!

If you can provide a bag of individually wrapped candy to be given out at the Halloween Bash during the trick-or-treating, please bring it to church and leave it in the plastic bins just inside the glass breezeway or in the Children's Wing.

FAMILY PUMPKIN DECORATING MISSION PROJECT

Join us on Wednesday October 18 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in Chalice Hall for our annual Family Pumpkin Decorating Mission Project. Together, families will decorate and deliver 50 medium sized pumpkins for members of our church family who've suffered a loss or need encouragement. Mini pumpkins will be available for kids to decorate and take home. A free pizza dinner will be served during the event. We hope to see you there!

CRESTWOOD UNIVERSITY - THE B-I-B-L-E

Is the Bible a mystery to you? Kory is leading a class about what's in the Bible, how to read it for understanding, and whether or not the Bible is "true" and relevant for today. The class meets at 4:00 PM in the Bradford Room. RSVPs are not necessary but are helpful! You can let Kory know if you plan to attend.

Oct. 8 - Is the Bible True?
Oct. 15 - Is the Bible Relevant?
Oct. 22 - How to Read the Bible Today

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, October 10 Commons House, 1156 Horseman's Lane, Lexington

One Parent Scholar House: Alison Justice, Executive Director
9:30 AM Fellowship, 10:00 AM Program

*Join women from churches all around Lexington who **Agree** to differ, **Resolve** to love, are **United** to serve In Christ's Name - ALL are invited!*

*Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with Church Women United. *Contact Pat Waggener at 859-266-6313 or patwaggener@twc.com*

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: The Family of Jean Aspley, Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Alma Kidd, Jeanna Ott, Cathy Tittman

FAMILY: The Family of Brad Guilfoil (brother of Duane Guilfoil), Daniel Kirtley (brother of Marian Keesy), Emily Barr Richards (of the McDonalds), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: Carol Belles (of Michelle DeLacey), The Combs Family (of Ellen Williams), The Cristi Family (of Crestwood), The Family of Paul Dunton (of Joan Stafford), Johnny Durham (of Summer Perry), Chuck Jollay (of David Wiseman), Erin Laswell and Casey Rusher (of Crestwood), Clay Leggett (of Michelle DeLacey), The Lowe Family (of Crestwood), The Family of Helen Milano (of Phoebe Wiley), Donna Price (of Gayle and Doug Hutcherson), The Query Family (of Ellen Williams), Roger Whitehouse (of Donna and Sonny Wray)

ARMED FORCES: Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), 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)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Jacqueline Lindsey, Buzz Mattingly, 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, for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local & national leaders, for those affected by COVID & natural disasters, & 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

Plastic Jesus Sermon Series
Service: Volunteer of the Year
Matthew 6:1-3
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder

8:30 Jay Prather
10:45 Gayle Hutcherson

Liturgist

8:30 Jay Prather
10:45 Rick Jouett

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD October 8, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 9

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3
7:00 PM - Endowment Committee - Bradford Room

Tuesday, October 10

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, October 11

11:00 AM - Bible Study - MC4
2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee - Bradford Room

Thursday, October 12

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, October 14

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room

Sunday, October 15

8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Elder's Meeting - Chalice Hall
3:00 PM - Combined Youth Group - CROP Hunger Walk
4:00 PM - Crestwood University - Bradford Room

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Rev. Kelly Hale, Interim Minister
of Pastoral Care
Erin Laswell, Office Administrator

Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Jane Johnson, Organist
Amber Combs, Childcare Director
Tara Monzon, PDO Director



Plastic Jesus Sermon Series Grace: Hiring a Cross-Bearing Service

Luke 9:23-27

Rev. Dr. 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.*

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