

October 29, 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

The God of Abraham Praise arr. Lloyd Larson

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

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is great, and greatly to be praised!

**People: We call on God, who is as near as our next breath.**

Leader: We gather here to meet God again.

**People: We come to God's house seeking sanctuary.**

Leader: Bring your fears and your worries to God's altar.

**People: We lay our burdens at God's feet.**

Leader: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People: We give praise to the God who gives us life!**

\*HYMN 112

Holy Ground (sing twice)

HOLY GROUND

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

Clara Wallace

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:43-48

*In the pew Bibles, on page 4 of the Second Testament*

DEDICATION OF SCARLETT AND SAWYER MARLETT (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

I Wanna Be Ready

arr. Rosephanye Powell

Grace Ashley, soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

*In the pew Bibles, on page 185 of the Second Testament*

PLASTIC JESUS SERMON SERIES

SERMON

Imperfection: The Curse of the Unmowed Lawn

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 339

Just as I am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

Responding to God's Word

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Guy Adams, Christian Appalachian Project

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Mark Hayes

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OR

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

I Surrender All

arr. Mark Hayes

*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 518

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

May the Light of Christ

Tom Fettke

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. John Purifoy

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**CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT**

Today, we welcome to Crestwood Guy Adams, president and CEO of the Christian Appalachian Project, the largest nonprofit in America focused solely on helping people in need in Appalachia. Prior to joining CAP, Guy was a consultant with Gonser Gerber, an organization that specializes in assisting non-profits with their philanthropy programs. Consulting with the Christian Appalachian Project and Berea College brought him to CAP in the position he now holds. We are honored to work with CAP to provide a Merry Christmas for the people they serve.

**HALLOWEEN BASH AND CHILI COOKOFF!**

Crestwood Youth Groups invite you to join us TODAY from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Gym and Chalice Hall for our Halloween Bash and Chili/Soup Cook-off!

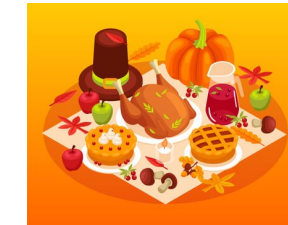


Adults, bring a pot of your best chili or soup to share! There is a trophy for the winner, which will be decided by our youth judges. All chili/soup should be brought to Chalice Hall by 4:00 PM. Please sign in and receive a number for your chili or soup to be judged.

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 in the gym! Invite your friends and come join the fun! Trick-or-treating will begin approximately 5:15-5:30 PM around the Mission Center.

**NATHANIEL MISSION THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Local Outreach needs your help! We will be helping provide a special meal on Thursday, November 16, at Nathaniel Mission. We need people to provide mashed potatoes or green beans, and a few people to set up and serve that night at the mission center. If you can help, please sign up here by scanning the QR code. Contact Steph Wallace if you have any questions.



**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Alternative Christmas Giving for the Christian Appalachian Project kicked off recently. Once again, we will be supporting families in the Sandy Valley still recuperating from the devastating flood last year. Our generosity will assist in providing Christmas Boxes to over 400 families including over 800 children. We will complete our fund-raising for this project on November 5.

Cash-Please put cash in one of the envelopes in the pew racks and note CAP on the envelope. Place in offering plate.

Check-Make payable to Crestwood and note CAP on memo line. Place check in offering plate.

Online-Go to Crestwood website and select "Give." Indicate amount and in Special Instructions type in CAP.

Thanks for your generosity in supporting a Merry Christmas for our Friends in the Sandy Valley.

**CHOIR PRESENTS LUX AETERNA**

Please, join us in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 5th as we consider the saints in the faith that have gone on before us, some we know of and others each of us have known and loved personally. The choir and an orchestra will present "Lux Aeterna" (perpetual light) by Morton Lauridsen in both services.

## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** The Family of Jean Aspley, Joe Clark, Bonnie Flanery, Jo Fulkerson, The Family of Alma Kidd, Tracy Lovan, Jeanna Ott, April Wiseman

**FAMILY:** Daniel Kirtley (brother of Marian Keesy), Emily Barr Richards (of the McDonalds), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

**FRIENDS:** Cheryl (of Jeanne Jouett), Family of Janie Cottrell (of Carolyn Clark), Scott Parker (of Crestwood), The Query Family (of Ellen Williams), David Staten (of Crestwood), 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:** Karen Billings, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, 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.

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD October 29, 2023

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, October 30

6:30 PM - American Idolatry book discussion - Chapel

#### Wednesday, November 1

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

#### Thursday, November 2

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

#### Saturday, November 4

9:00 AM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

#### Sunday, November 5 - All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
8:30 AM - Worship Service  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:00 AM - Choir Practice  
10:45 AM - Worship Service  
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group  
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

#### LIGHT UP GLENDOVER!

October 29 at Glendover Elementary

Glendover PTA invites our community to light up the neighborhood school. Please drop off a carved pumpkin to the bus loop (on Bellefonte Rd) starting October 29 by 8:00 PM or Crestwood by Children's wing entrance. Do not add a candle/light; PTA will provide a safe option. We will have a very quick lighting ceremony on October 30 at 7:15 PM. For questions or to RSVP email [glendoverPTA@gmail.com](mailto:glendoverPTA@gmail.com).

#### 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 Rusher, 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  
Imperfection: The Curse of the  
Unmowed Lawn  
2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
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.*

#### CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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#### 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

Lux Aeterna  
Choir Presentation

#### Today's Worship Leaders

##### Elder

8:30 Matt Bacon  
10:45 Gayle Hutcherson

##### Liturgist

8:30 Matt Bacon  
10:45 Dabney Parker