

December 3, 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 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 Creator of the Stars of Night arr. Wilbur Held

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

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we begin the season of Advent.

People: We are preparing room in our hearts for the Christ child.

Leader: It is a time of waiting patiently for God.

People: We admit that we aren't always patient.

Leader: But God has a grand surprise for us!

People: We anticipate what God has in store for us.

Leader: So, this Advent, let us wait with full hearts.

People: Remind us, God, of the gift you have promised us.

*HYMN 136 Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming PLEADING SAVIOR

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

8:30 Kim and Laura Bryan
10:45 Clay, Morgan, and Henry Larkin

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

8:30 Gabriel's Message
Katherine Steckler, Soprano
10:45 And the Glory of the Lord Messiah, G.F. Handel

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 1:5-25
In the pew Bibles, on page 58 of the Second Testament

SERMON A WEARY WORLD REJOICES SERMON SERIES
Christmas on Mute Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

**Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 124 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (v. 1&2) PICARDY

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 Wexford Carol arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People arr. Flor Peeters

*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 How Far Is It to Bethlehem arr. David Paxton
10:45 O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Charles Callahan
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 125 Come, O Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Rejoice

POSTLUDE

8:30 People, Look East arr. Paul Taylor
10:45 People, Look East arr. Kristina Langlois

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**ADVENT SERMON SERIES:
A WEARY WORLD REJOICES**

As we move into the Advent season, we recognize that the story of birth of Christ carries with it the full range of human emotions: isolation, fear, disbelief, as well as connection, trust, and joy. Christmas for us can be equally charged with emotions, as we seek to celebrate the joy of the season in the midst of stress, grief, and the burden of responsibilities. If we're honest, sometimes Christmas can simply make us...tired. So how do we still rejoice in the midst of our weariness? For Advent, we'll be exploring that question as we look at Luke's version of the birth of Jesus. Join us as we learn how to rejoice in the midst of our worldly weariness.

- Dec. 3 - Luke 1:5-23 - Christmas on Mute
- Dec. 10 - Lessons and Carols service
- Dec. 17 - Luke 1:24-45 - Connecting to Christmas
- Dec. 24 - Luke 1:57-66 - Is There Room to Be Amazed?

**THE KENTUCKIANS CHORUS CONCERT
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7:00 PM**

The Kentuckians Chorus will provide us a free preview of their Christmas show! Join us for great music and some laughs. This is their "Thank You" for us letting them use our space for rehearsals.

**FALL CLEANING DAY!
December 9, 9:30 AM - Noon**

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided at 9:30 AM in the Bradford Room. The property department is planning a fall cleaning on December 9 at 10:00 AM. A basement room in the Childcare building is the equivalent of the Church's attic. Items were stored that had the potential for reuse, but were not reused and have accumulated. We need a fall church cleaning. Help is needed to decide what to keep and to remove items not needed. If you are willing and able, we need you. Start time for cleaning is 10:00 AM. Goal is to finish by noon.

**"PASSING THE TORCH" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, Dec. 17, 5:15 PM**

Join us for our "Passing the Torch" Christmas pageant presented by Crestwood children and youth. Our church Christmas dinner will immediately follow the program.

**ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER
Sunday, Dec. 17, 6:00 PM**

All are invited as we join together for a church family dinner and singing led by our children. Chef Shawn will be serving an Italian feast complete with dessert! Please plan to be a part of this meal as we connect and celebrate. Please scan the QR code to RSVP no later than Dec. 10 by 2:00 PM.



**POINSETTIA ORDERS
Payments due Dec. 10**



Each plant costs \$8. Call the office to place an order (859-266-0459) or use the QR code to sign up. The Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by Dec. 22. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: The Family of Lucy Booker, Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Peggy Harris, The Family of Jeanna Ott

FAMILY: **Samuel Hammons** (great-nephew of Kim and David Powell), **Virginia Sue Hemphill** (sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana) **The Family of Betty G. Rehm** (stepmother of Libby Wachtel), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: **Melody Fiely** (of Karen Trommer), **Ricky Gray** (of Susan and Kendall Hart), **The Family of Ted Warriner** (of the McDonalds)

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, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Jacqueline Lindsey, Buzz Mattingly, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Buddy & Lucy Wheeler

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

Lessons and Carols

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder

8:30 Katherine Steckler
10:45 Dabney Parker

Liturgist

Katherine Steckler

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD December 3, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 4

7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library
7:30 PM - Kentuckians Chorus Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 6

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, December 7

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

Saturday, December 9

9:30 AM - Fall Cleaning Day - Bradford Room

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM - Choir Breakfast - Chalice Hall
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:30 PM - Combined Youth Group - Holiday Party

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



A Weary World Rejoices

Sermon Series

Christmas on Mute

Luke 1:5-25

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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