

December 31, 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 The First Noel arr. Lloyd Larson
10:45 Behold That Star arr. Charles Callahan
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here today to celebrate the greatest gift of all...

All: God's love came to earth, as a baby born in a manger!

Leader: God's mercy and grace are alive in Jesus.

All: We receive these gifts from God with gratitude.

Leader: Each year we find new gifts in our relationship with Christ.

All: Through Jesus, we claim these gifts as ours forever.

Leader: We anticipate the new year with hope and wonder.

All: Let us praise God this morning with joy in our hearts.

*HYMN 149 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Isaiah 63:7-9
In the pew Bibles, on page 693 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 I Heard the Bells One Christmas Day arr. Roy Ringwald
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, music by John Marks

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Hebrews 4:14-16
In the pew Bibles, on page 220 of the Second Testament

SERMON Gifts and Guiding Stars Steph Wallace

HYMN 153 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v1 & 2) CAROL

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30 We Three Kings of Orient Are arr. Cindy Berry
10:45 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright 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; Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

8:30 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child arr. Mark Hayes
10:45 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright 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 159 There's a Song in the Air CHRISTMAS SONG

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Gloria

POSTLUDE

8:30 Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Jeff Bennett
10:45 As With Gladness Men of Old arr. Craig Phillips

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THE 34TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

January 14, 2024, 6:00 PM
Central Christian Church (DOC)
219 East Short Street, Lexington, KY 40507



You are invited to join a service to celebrate and remember the important legacy, ministry, and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 14, 2024. Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will host the 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service on Sunday, January 14, at 6:00 PM.

This year's preacher is Rev. Dr. Winterbourne LaPucelle Harrison-Jones, Pastor of the historic Witherspoon Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Music is being led by Lutisha Coleman-Morton and Marion Rogers.

This service also will be livestreamed on Central Christian Church's Facebook and YouTube pages. A reception will follow the service. We hope you will attend and help spread the word!

SRO TO DANVILLE

January 9, 2024

Danville, here we come again! Our Seniors, Retirees, and Others group will be visiting the GLASS National Art Museum and other exhibits in the Art Center of the Bluegrass. We will enjoy lunch at the "Murrini," which is located in the Art Center. Murrini seamlessly blends the flavors of art and cuisine. This artsy restaurant features small plates, sandwiches, salads, charcuterie, sweets, wine, and other specialty beverages.



Leave Crestwood Mission Center Parking lot at 10:00 AM; return about 3:00 PM. **COST:** Van gas donation. lunch on your own with prices between \$12-\$20 plus tip. Museum is **free** thanks to a generous donor.

Please email or call church office by January 5, 2024

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



The Church Office will be closed from December 25-January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Starting January 2, the new office hours will be Monday -Friday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

2024 SERMON SERIES

Starting in the new year, we'll be going "Back to Sunday School" to look at some of our most beloved stories from the Bible through grown-up eyes. We learned these as children, but how will we hear them differently as adults? Join us as we take a new look at these familiar stories.

- Jan. 7 - Moses Parts the Red Sea
- Jan. 14 - David and Goliath
- Jan. 21 - Daniel and the Lion's Den
- Jan. 28 - Kentucky Region's Men's Chorus leads worship
- Feb. 4 - Jesus Walks on Water
- Feb. 11 - Zacchaeus

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Terry Fisher, Jo Fulkerson, The Family of Jeanna Ott, John Royse, Sandra Thompson

FAMILY: **Laurel Cardinale** (great-niece of Joanne Brown), **Dan Carey** (cousin of Fran Allen), **Bob Chapman** (brother of Pat Nielsen), **Cindy Ebersold** (sister of Pat Nielsen), **Samuel Hammons** (great-nephew of Kim and David Powell), **Virginia Sue Hemphill** (sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds), **Henrietta Shores** (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), **Jim Wallace** (father of Scott Wallace), **The Family of Dorothy Wray** (mother of Sonny Wray)

FRIENDS: **The Family of JoAnn Ellington** (of Fran Allen), **Kent Grannis** (of Doug Wilkinson), **Noelle Parsons** (of Crestwood), **The Family of Ted Warriner** (of the McDonalds), **Valerie Sims** (of Crestwood)

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

Back to Sunday School
Sermon Series
Moses Parts the Red Sea
Exodus 14:10-31
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder

8:30 Natalee Feese
10:45 Jeanne Jouett

Liturgist

8:30 Will Feese
10:45 Dabney Parker

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD December 31, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, January 3

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, January 4

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday, January 7

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

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
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager

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



Gifts and Guiding Stars

Hebrews 4:14-16

Steph Wallace

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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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