

September 15, 2024

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) They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love arr. Mark Hayes
(10:45) The Church's One Foundation arr. David Cherwien
We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who have known sadness or despair.

People: God is our strength in times of trouble.

Leader: Come, all those who are filled with joy.

People: We believe in God, the giver of all good things.

Leader: Come, all those who have faced fear and anxiety.

People: God is our rock and our fortress.

Leader: Come, all those looking for something more.

People: We come now, seeking God's face.

*HYMN 53 Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Will Pickrell

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 9:1-8
In the pew Bibles, on page 492-493 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) Caritas et Amor Z. Randall Stroope

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE James 2:1-8
In the pew Bibles, on page 229 of the Second Testament

SERMON Body Building Sermon Series
Broken Hearts Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers O WALY WALY
(Lyrics found on the right panel)

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY
(8:30) The Wayfaring Stranger arr. Cindy Berry
(10:45) Be Thou My Vision arr. Paul Manz

*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) Amazing Grace arr. Joel Raney
(10:45) Kum Ba Yah 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 86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) May the Light of Christ Tom Fettke

POSTLUDE

(8:30) Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart arr. Cindy Berry
(10:45) They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love arr. Wilbur Held
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BODY BUILDING SERMON SERIES

You may not realize, but the Bible contains within its 66 books a letter devoted to helping us get into shape! The book of James gives us instructions on how we can use parts of our bodies to further God's kingdom and build community in a fractious world. For our fall sermon series we'll pump some spiritual iron as we strengthen ourselves to be good neighbors and faithful Christians.

September 22 – Dirty Hands – James 2:14-18
(September 29 – “Imagine Together” stewardship sermon)
October 6 – Pierced Tongue – James 3:1-12
October 13 – Rough Knees – James 5:13-16

FALL BOOK STUDY

With the upcoming election, faith and scripture will be a big part of the political discourse, as the candidates appeal to faith-based voters. What can we learn from the past about how the Bible has been used in politics?

The book study of “The Bible and the Ballot” will meet five consecutive Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel starting on September 23 and ending on October 21. It would be helpful if you would RSVP to Kory so he can know how many to expect.

BLESSING OF THE PETS & PET SUPPLY DRIVE

All of Crestwood is invited to the Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, September 22, from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the Lafferty Garden. Bring your beloved pet (or a photo) to be prayed over and blessed by Kory, and then stick around to enjoy the ice cream social! The Crestwood Youth Group is also collecting pet food and supplies for the Lexington Humane Society. See the Weekly for details.

IF WE JUST TALK OF THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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If we just talk of thoughts and prayers and don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be and do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways,
Our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good and don't walk through our neighborhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs lead to a faith that takes on
wrongs
That works for peace and justice, too.
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Roberta Buckley, the family of Don Guinnip

FAMILY: Robin Allen (daughter of Fran Allen), Patricia Finger (mother of Joanne Brown), the family of Philip Hays (father of Beth Taylor), Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), the family of Lesley Holliman (cousin of Jeanne Jouett)

FRIENDS: Cristi family (of Crestwood), the family of Rodger Michael (of Crestwood), Don Ralph (of Libby Wachtel), Lynn Saunders (of Susan and Kendall Hart), Nathan Skinner (of Ward Ransdell)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Joe Clark, Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), Barry Newton (father of Laura Prather), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Donnie Wakefield, Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

ARMED FORCES: Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Daniel Day (grandson of John & Carol Royse & son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler and Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law and son of Pam and David Sigler)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Buzz Mattingly, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, an end to wars across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
September 8, 2024**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, September 15**
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Heart-to-Heart Team - Chapel
10:00 AM - Choir Practice - Choir Room
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group Meeting - Chi Rho Room
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group Meeting - CYF Room
- Monday, September 16**
6:30 PM - DWM Julia Circle salad supper - Bradford Room
- Tuesday, September 17**
9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle - Bradford Room
- Wednesday, September 18**
10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
7:00 PM - Administrative Board - Bradford Room/Zoom
- Thursday, September 19**
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room
- Friday, September 20**
11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall
- Saturday, September 21**
9:15 AM - Car Parking for UK Football Game

- Sunday, September 22**
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice - Choir Room
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Shalom Team - Bradford Room
3:00 PM - Blessing of the Pets - Lafferty Garden

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
- Mary Van Kesteren, Office Administrator
- Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager
- Frank Spragens, Music Director
- Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
- Jane Johnson, Organist
- Amber Combs, Childcare Director



Sermons on the letter of James

Broken Hearts
James 2:1-8

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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<p>Our Vision Connecting People to God and Each Other</p>	<p><u>Next Sunday</u> Body Building Sermon Series Dirty Hands James 2:14-18 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u> <u>Elder</u> 8:30 Dan Pence 10:45 Dabney Parker <u>Liturgist</u> 8:30 Kelly Hale 10:45 Jeanette Knowles</p>