

March 23, 2025

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) Jesus, Lover of My Soul arr. Lani Smith  
(10:45) In the Cross of Christ I Glory arr. Wilbur Held  
*We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.*

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: We gather here to be blessed by God.

**People: We gather to give thanks for the gift of Jesus.**

Leader: We are on a journey that leads to the cross.

**People: We are on a journey that doesn't end at the cross.**

Leader: Jesus comes to show us how much God loves us.

**People: We're here to worship the Lord our God!**

\*HYMN 111 Santo, Santo, Santo SANTO  
(sing twice)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Scarlett Hobbs

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 30  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 505 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) O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Lloyd Larson  
Kristen Kline, violin

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Luke 23:32-43  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 89 of the Second Testament*

SERMON Were You There? sermon series  
The Good Thief Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 569 Jesus, Remember Me REMEMBER ME  
(sing twice)

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

MOMENT FOR MISSION Habitat for Humanity Steve Seithers

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY (8:30) Were You There? arr. Joel Raney  
(10:45) Were You There? arr. John Leavitt

\*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) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Larry Shackley  
(10:45) Restore in Us, O God arr. Christopher Uehlein  
*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 546 Amazing Grace! NEW BRITAIN

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE (8:30) Lord of Hosts, Extolled on High arr. Lani Smith  
(10:45) Christ, the Life of All the Living Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

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**THE YOUTH GROUPS NEED EASTER CANDY**

Please help us get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt this year by donating individually wrapped candy that will fit inside plastic eggs. There are two bins for dropping off candy donations - one in the children's wing and one in the breezeway by the North Entrance. Thank you so much for your help!

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

Plans are currently underway to create a children's library in a classroom beside our Lambs room. During the month of March, we will be collecting children's books in new or like new condition that can be dropped off at the children's wing desk. All donated books will be considered Crestwood property. If we have duplicates or books we can't use, we will be sure they find a home. We are accepting books appropriate for ages 3 years old to older elementary and hope to open our library later this spring. Thank you for continuing to support our kids.

**FAITH AND CLIMATE FORUM**

Crestwood will be hosting the National Faith and Climate Forum on Thursday, March 27, an event which encourages us to explore how we can take action to care for God's creation. Everyone is invited! To learn more and to register, visit [www.nationalfaithandclimateforum.org](http://www.nationalfaithandclimateforum.org).

**LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION NEEDS FOOD!**

The Lexington Rescue Mission is moving to their new building the first week of April. To ensure that their clients are fed during the move, they have asked Crestwood to provide breakfast and lunch on Tuesday, April 1. Use the QR code to volunteer to bring food and/or to serve food. Contact Kelly Hale for questions.



**ORDER YOUR TULIPS AND LILIES**



Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter by ordering a tulip or a lily. These flowers can be designated in someone's memory or honor, or you can purchase one just because you like flowers! The flowers will be available to take home after the Easter Sunday worship services.



To order a flower (cost is \$15), use the QR code or call the church office.

**LET'S BUILD ANOTHER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE!**

To make our 40th house a success, we need financial donations and volunteer workers. To make a contribution, make out a check to Crestwood Christian Church with the word "Habitat" in the memo line. For more information, including how to volunteer, please see the Weekly.

**Joys and Concerns**

**MEMBERS:** the family of Palina Hurst, Fred Kidd, the Sovkoplas family

**FAMILY:** Benita Baughn (of Michelle DeLacey), the family of Kevin Cobb (brother of Patti Bridges), the family of Jan Taylor (niece of Minva Hodgins)

**FRIENDS:** Gay Cecil (of Joy Leet-Mullins), Patti Curry (of Betty Barton), Phil Dare (of Dabney Parker), Susan Griffith (of Joanne Brown), John Gross (of Karen Coultas), David Johnson (of Libby Wachtel), Chris Miniard (of Brianna Browning), Mary June Moseley (of Libby Wachtel)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan & Kendall Hart), Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), John Royse, Tony Shartle, Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Nathaniel Sligh (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace), Carter Yates (nephew of Stephanie & Josh Moore)

**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), Connor Hankins (nephew of Lauren York), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law & son of Pam & David Sigler)

**HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS:** Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Dick Featherston, Bonnie Flanery, 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.

<p><b>Our Vision</b> Connecting People to God and Each Other</p> <p><b>Our Mission</b> 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>Next Sunday</u> Were You There? sermon series The Centurion Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson</p>
	<p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u></p> <p><u>Elder</u> 8:30 Sonny Wray 10:45 Andrea Nielsen</p> <p><u>Liturgist</u> 8:30 Rick Fern 10:45 Dabney Parker</p>

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD**  
March 23, 2025

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, March 23**

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:15 PM - Pastor's Class - MC4
- 4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group - Youth Meeting Room
- 5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group - Youth Meeting Room

**Monday, March 24**

- 6:30 PM - Book Discussion - Chapel

**Wednesday, March 26**

- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

**Thursday, March 27**

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

**Friday, March 28**

- 11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

**Sunday, March 30**

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 9:40 AM - Wake Up with Wallace - Panera Bread
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:15 PM - Pastor's Class - MC4
- 3:30 PM - Combined Youth Group - Battle Axes



***Were You There? Sermon series***



**The Good Thief**

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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8:30 and 10:45 AM

*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.*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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| Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister<br>Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister<br>Missy Wallace, Children's Minister<br>Rev. Kelly Hale, Minister of Pastoral Care<br>Mary Van Kesteren, Office Administrator | Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager<br>Frank Spragens, Music Director<br>Cindy Abernathy, Pianist<br>Jane Johnson, Organist |
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