April 27, 2025 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 Variations on "O sons and daughters" J. Dandrieu We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (written by the baptismal candidates)

Leader: God is...almighty, forgiving, loving, a King.

People: God is...everlasting, reliable, a leader, a shepherd.

Leader: Jesus is...kind, a teacher, honest, our Savior.

People: Jesus is...humble, powerful, a servant, the Messiah.

Leader: The church is...our family, a classroom, open, free.

People: The church is...a safe place, our neighbors, holy, our home.

Leader: We are...God's creation, followers, students, worshippers.

People: We are...humans, believers, Christians, a family.

*HYMN 365 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters BEACH SPRING

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Scarlett Hobbs

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Romans 6:1-5

In the pew Bibles, on page 156 of the Second Testament

CHILDREN'S TIME

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 At the River
Doug Hutcherson, baritone

Aaron Copeland

Proclaiming God's Word

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES AND MENTORS

BAPTISMS

HYMN 375 In Water We Grow Stanley Beach

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY Tuba Tune

*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.

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

Berceuse

L. Vierne

C.S. Lang

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 75 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Menuet gothique

L. Boellmann

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-732007; CCLI, License #20883820 (Streaming).

Please welcome our guest organist today, Dr. Schuyler Robinson. Dr. Robinson is the professor emeritus of organ at the University of Kentucky.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE MINISTER FAIR

On Sunday, May 4th, following the 10:45 AM service, we will have a Ministry Fair. This will provide everyone the opportunity to meet members of each ministry team, learn about all of the ways Crestwood serves our community and ask questions about where you can plug in! The goal is for members of Crestwood to find a way not just to serve, but to grow in fellowship.

If you would like to support the ministries of Crestwood, please scan the QR code to the right to go to our secure Giving page. Thank you for your generosity and support of God's work at Crestwood!



REV. DR. DENISE BELL TO PREACH MAY 4

Rev. Dr. Denise Bell is the Donald and Lillian Nunnelly Chair and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Leadership at Lexington Theological Seminary. For 35 years, she served churches as pastor, associate, senior associate, satellite pastor, interim pastor, and executive pastor. As an educator and minister of practice, Dr. Bell seeks to help pastors and congregations increase their capacity to flourish and to be healthy communities of faith in a changing world. As a church leader, her enthusiasm in ministry comes from her excitement in seeing lives and churches transformed by fresh ideas and boldness.



Her ministry is weaved together by her faith in a faithful God. She is God's daughter, God's servant, and a messenger for Christ. She loves the Lord and has a love for God's people as God has called her to be Christ incarnate to a world that needs to know that God loves and calls all according to God's purposes. You won't want to miss the word she has for us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Vacation Bible School registration is now open, and we are in the process of recruiting volunteers to serve the children of our community. VBS is a highlight for Crestwood kids and visiting guests. For some it may be their first time entering a church environment. Our goal is to help families feel welcomed as we extend Christ's hospitality and connect kids with the message of God's unconditional love. It takes a village to bring VBS to life and we hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. Please sign up below and reach out with any questions you may have to Missy Wallace at missy@crestwoodchristian.org.



■ Volunteer Signup

Vacation Bible School Registration Form



NEW BOOK STUDY IN MAY

Steph Wallace will be leading a book study for three consecutive Monday afternoons in May. We are going to read *The Politics of Faith* by Jerry L. Sumney, which can be purchased on Amazon using the QR code. We will meet in the Bradford Room from 3:00-4:00 PM on May 5, May 12, and May 19.

For the first meeting on May 5, please read chapters 1-4 of the book (pages 1-42). Bring your Bible with you to the meetings, as well. We will refer to those Scriptures that Sumney references in his book as we discuss and attempt to discern what God wills for God's followers in the realm of government and political policies today.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Jeanne Jouett, the family of Dr. Preston Nunnelley, Joanne Whiteker

<u>FAMILY</u>: Elizabeth Blevins (aunt of Michelle Ison), Iris Brandon (aunt of Jeanne Jouett), Zack Ison (brother of Stewart Ison), Bailey Miles (niece of Kyle & Dana Adamson), Karla Nelson (of Jim & Denise Hile) Lou Padilla (nephew of Monte LaFrana), Charles Saunier (grandson of Annetta Carter)

<u>FRIENDS</u>: Stuart Angus (of Travis White), Joshua Bush & Annessa Dunaway (of Crestwood), Joyce Fister Daley (of Betty Barton), Norma Hylton (of Crestwood), the family of Parker Kuhn (of Connie Guilfoil), Robbie Nickerson (of Darval Rash), Donald Reynolds (of Darval Rash), Arlen Stoltzfus (of Crestwood)

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), Tony Shartle, Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Nathaniel Sligh (nephew of Kimberly Sparks), 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)

<u>HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS</u>: 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.

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

Rooted and Grounded

Ps. 52:8-9

Rev. Dr. Denise Bell

Lexington Theological Seminary

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder Jeanne Jouett

L<u>iturgist</u> Baptismal Candidates

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD April 27, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 27 - BAPTISM SUNDAY NO 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 AM - Fellowship Breakfast

10:45 AM - Worship Service

4:00 PM - Combined Youth Groups

Monday, April 28

6:00 PM - Faithful Planning Team - Bradford Room

6:30 PM - Crestwood Book Club - MC8

Wednesday, April 30

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, May 1

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel

11:00 AM - Bible Study CANCELED

6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

Sunday, May 4

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - New Life Day Center presentation - Chalice Hall

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Noon - Ministry Fair

4:00 PM - Combined Youth Groups

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister Missy Wallace, Children's Minister Rev. Kelly Hale, Minister of Pastoral Care Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager Frank Spragens, Music Director Cindy Abernathy, Pianist Jane Johnson, Organist





Baptism Sunday

April 27, 2025 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.

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