May 4, 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 Prelude No. 1 in C Major J.S. Bach

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

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 22)

Leader: We will tell our brother and sisters about God's goodness.

People: In the midst of the congregation we praise you!

Leader: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify God!

People: We stand in awe of God's majesty.

L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

P: Those who seek God shall praise the LORD.

L: May your hearts live forever!

P: For we shall praise the LORD!

*HYMN 90 Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Scarlett Hobbs

READING FROM SCRIPTURE John 21:15-17

In the pew Bibles, on page 116 of the Second Testament

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES AND MENTORS

BAPTISMS

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 (8:30) Now Is the Cool of the Day
Katherine Steckler, soprano

(10:45) Down to the River to Pray
Ann Haynes, Julie McDonald, Katherine Steckler

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 52:8-9

In the pew Bibles, on page 521 of the First Testament

SERMON Rooted and Grounded Rev. Dr. Denise Bell

HYMN 555 Through It All (sing twice) THROUGH IT ALL

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

MOMENT FOR MISSION New Life Day Center Jennie Zamora

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Craig Curry

*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.

OR

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

Bread of the World arr. Larry Shackley

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 558 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sunshine and Joy Medley arr. Mark Hayes

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

VBS will be June 23-26 this summer. Register now!

Volunteer Signup

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

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!

WELCOME REV. DR. DENISE BELL

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. Welcome to Crestwood, Rev. Dr. Bell!

JOIN US TODAY FOR THE MINISTRY FAIR

Today, following the 10:45 AM service, we invite you to join us in the courtyard for the Ministry Fair. You will have 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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW LIFE DAY CENTER

Jennie Zemora from the New Life Day Center is with us this morning to speak about the work that goes on there to minister to the homeless in Lexington. We are part of that work here at Crestwood, so thank you! Please come to learn more about the New Life Day Center at 9:30 AM in Chalice Hall.

NEW BOOK STUDY STARTS MONDAY

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: Brenda Crank, Jeanne Jouett, the family of Preston Nunnelley, Joanne Whiteker

FAMILY: Elizabeth Blevins (aunt of Michelle Ison), **Gene Blythe** (cousin of Billie Arnold), **Zack Ison** (brother of Stewart Ison), **Bailey Miles** (niece of Kyle & Dana Adamson), **Karla Nelson** (of Jim & Denise Hile), **Dixie Peden** (mother of Heidi Guckenberger), **Gaines Womack** (cousin of Kendall Hart)

FRIENDS: Stuart Angus (of Travis White), **Joyce Fister Daley** (of Betty Barton), **Don DePriest** (of Tony Shartle), **Norma Hylton** (of Crestwood), **the family of Parker Kuhn** (of Connie Guilfoil), **the family of Brandi Miller** (of Crestwood), **Robby Nickerson** (of Darval Rash), **Chase Pemberton** (of Crestwood), **Donald Reynolds** (of Darval Rash)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: 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), **Charles Saunier** (grandson of Annetta Carter), **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)

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.

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

YOUTH SUNDAY

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder
8:30 Katherine Steckler
10:45 Matt Bacon

Liturgist
8:30 Katherine Steckler
10:45 Matt Bacon

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
May 4, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, May 5
3:00 PM - Book Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC3

Tuesday, May 6
9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, May 7
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, May 8
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Saturday, May 10
8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room

Sunday, May 11 - YOUTH SUNDAY
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

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

CRESTWOOD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rooted and Grounded

Psalm 52:8-9

Rev. Dr. Denise Bell

May 4, 2025
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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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