May 18, 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 Notturno Op. 54. No. 4 Edvard Grieg
Charlie Brandt, piano

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Ps. 148)
Leader: Praise the LORD!
People: Praise the LORD from the heavens and in the heights!
Leader: Praise the LORD all the angels and heavenly hosts!
People: Praise the LORD, sun, moon, and all the stars!
Leader: Let the rulers of earth and all people praise the LORD!
People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
People: For the name of the LORD alone is exalted!

*HYMN 261 Sweet, Sweet Spirit SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Isabel Quisehuatl

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 148
In the pew Bibles, on page 582-583 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) Alleluia Randall Thompson

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6
In the pew Bibles, on page 259 of the Second Testament

SERMON Here Comes Heaven! Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 490 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY
(8:30) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Cindy Berry
(10:45) Interlude Noel Rawsthorne

*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
(8:30) Shepherd Song Greg Norian
(10:45) Modal Elevation Dom Paul Benoit

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 452 Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee L. Van Beethoven

POSTLUDE
(8:30) Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Cindy Berry
(10:45) Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death J.S. Bach

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TIME TO PLUG IN!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. -- Ephesians 2:10

The Time and Talents Stewardship Campaign has begun! The QR code below takes you to an online version of the survey (paper copies are also available in the back of the sanctuary at the sound board). After we have collected the surveys, we will reach out to you and help you plug in! It is that simple! If you have any questions, please reach out to Susie Psimer (susiepsimer@gmail.com) or any of our ministerial staff. Thank you!

THANKS, CHARLIE!

As part of his pastor's class service project, Charlie Brandt is sharing his musical talent for the congregation this morning by playing the prelude at both worship services. Thanks for sharing your gift, Charlie!

DWM CIRCLE MEETINGS

***NEW!* Deborah Circle**
Tuesday, May 20, 6:15 PM, MC2
Contact Laura Prather at laurapratherr@gmail.com by May 15 if childcare is needed, or for more information.

Julia Circle – note earlier time!
Monday, May 19, 6:30 PM, Bradford classroom
We will gather for a Salad Supper – bring a dish to share!

Naomi Circle
Tuesday, May 20, 9:45 AM, Bradford classroom
Steph Wallace will lead the Bible study, and Patsy Anderson will be our hostess.

Dorcas Circle
Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 AM, Bradford classroom
Steph Wallace will present our Bible study program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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

Volunteer Signup

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Brenda Crank, Stewart and Laura Crutchfield, Jeanne Jouett, the family of Preston Nunnelley, Joanne Whiteker, the family of Jerry Woodall

FAMILY: Gene Blythe (cousin of Billie Arnold), **the family of Michael Clifford** (father-in-law of Lauren Clifford), **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), **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), **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

Home Alone

John 14:15-29

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elders
8:30 John Gretz
10:45 Ben Thompson

Liturgist
8:30 Missy Wallace

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
May 18, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 18
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
Noon - DWM Board Meeting - MC3
Noon - Elders Lunch - Bradford Room

Monday, May 19
3:00 PM - Book Study - Bradford Room
6:30 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room

Tuesday, May 20
9:45 AM - Naomi Circle - Bradford Room
6:15 PM - Deborah Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, May 21
10:00 AM - Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
7:00 PM - Administrative Board - Bradford Room

Thursday, May 22
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, May 23
11:00 AM - FUNCH! - Chalice Hall

Sunday, May 25
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Wake Up with Wallace - Panera Bread
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

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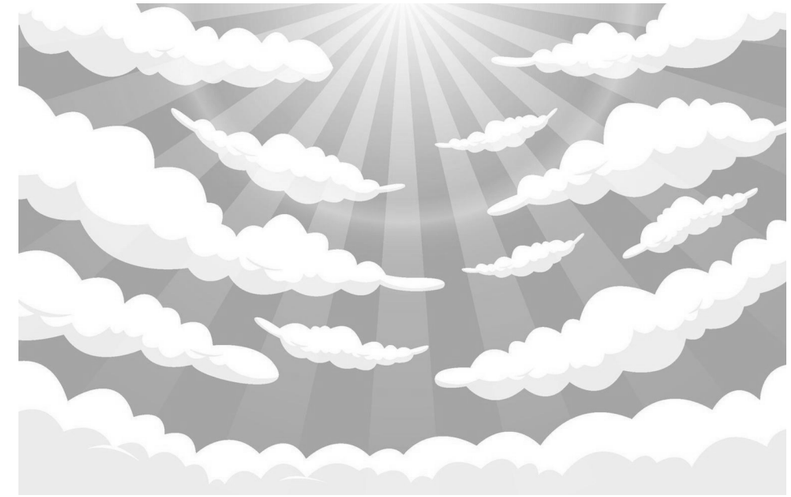

Here Comes Heaven!

Revelation 21:1-6

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.

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