

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Lloyd Larson

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, You search us and know us.

People: You know when we sit and when we rise.

Leader: You perceive our thoughts from afar.

People: You are familiar with all our ways.

Leader: We praise You as our Creator...

People: ...because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Leader: We give glory to the Holy One!

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

(v. 1 and 4)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

Wes Reams

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 31:1-5

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

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Proclaiming God’s Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

In the pew Bibles, on page 186 of the First Testament

MO BLESSINGS, MO PROBLEMS SERMON SERIES

Have It Your Way

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 588

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

ADELAIDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

Responding to God’s Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We pass the plates as a reminder of the importance of expressing our generous thanks to God. We are grateful for all the ways people give, including online (see QR code in this bulletin) or the website (crestwoodchristian.org/give).

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

arr. Mark Hayes

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; OR Praise Him 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Matt Schinske

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 614

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I’M GONNA LIVE

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Ralph Vaughan Williams

POSTLUDE


Fanfare on the “Doxology”

arr. Larry Shackley

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




FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for First Sunday Fellowship today! Refreshments will be served in the narthex following both worship services. Please make plans to stay a few minutes after worship to connect with your Crestwood family.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR GLENDOVER ELEMENTARY

Donations can be brought to the children’s wing through Aug. 4. Thank you for helping support the children of our community.




- Backpacks
  - Crayola Markers
  - Crayola Colored Pencils
  - Glue Sticks
  - Crayola Crayons
  - Ticonderoga Pencils
  - Pencil Boxes
  - Fiskars Scissors
  - Wide Rule Notebooks
  - Composition Wide Rule Notebooks

- Primary Writing Journal
  - Folders with 3 holes and pockets
  - Earbuds/Headphones
  - Clorox Wipes
  - Kleenex
  - Expo Markers
  - Ziplock Bags gallon and quart

\*NO notebook filler paper


BACK-TO-SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Fellowship will be hosting an all church back-to-school potluck breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 9:30 AM in the gym. Come celebrate as we kick off a new academic and Sunday school year with food and fellowship. Potluck breakfast food signups can be found by scanning the QR code found here. There will be information on Crestwood’s Sunday school programs, goody bags for the kids, and fun photo opportunities. Regular Sunday school classes will not meet on Aug. 10. After breakfast, Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during the 10:45 AM service. All students and school staff are welcome to bring their backpacks/bags to receive a blessing and special tag to remind them of God’s love throughout the year.



HELP US CARE FOR EACH OTHER

The gift of food can be a healing balm for those going through grief. The Caregivers Ministry Team is looking for people who would be willing to help provide food for visitation and funeral receptions held here at the church. This can be as simple as baking some cookies or picking up a fruit or veggie tray. If you'd be willing to add your name to the list of compassionate volunteers, email Kelly Hale at [kelly@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto:kelly@crestwoodchristian.org) or Monte LaFrana at [mhlafrana@gmail.com](mailto:mhlafrana@gmail.com).



Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Terry Fisher, Minva Hodgins, Denise Murray, the family of John Royse

**FAMILY:** Andrew Barton (grandson of Betty Barton), the family of Danny Carey (brother-in-law of Libby Wachtel), the family of Susie Jouett (sister of Rick Jouett)

**FRIENDS:** The family of Marites Burnafe (of Joanne Brown), the Gales family (of the Jeffersons), Letitia Knapp Iakovenko (friend of Crestwood), Elaine Thompson (of Crestwood)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** the Cristi family (of Crestwood), 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, Faye Porter, 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 recent flooding, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

<b>Our Vision</b> Connecting People to God and Each Other	<b>Next Sunday</b> Moses Sermon Series Unfinished Business Deuteronomy 34:1-8 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson
<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.	<b>Today's Worship Leaders</b>  <u>Elders</u> 8:30 Ben Thompson 10:45 Lucy Wells  <u>Liturgists</u> 8:30 Richard Fern 10:45 Patricia Bridges

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD  
August 3, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 3 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 9:30 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM - Acolyte Training - Narthex
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:00 PM - Shalom Social Justice - Bradford Room

Monday, August 4

- 7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC 3

Tuesday, August 5

- 9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, August 6

- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
- 6:30 PM - Young Adult Gathering - The Cellar

Thursday, August 7

- 9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel
- 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room

Sunday, August 10

- 9:30 AM - Back-to-School Breakfast
- 10:30 AM - Blessing of the Backpacks - Sanctuary



Mo Blessings, Mo Problems

Sermon Series

Have It Your Way

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

August 3, 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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