August 24, 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)	In Christ Alone	arr. Tom Fettke
(10:45)	Canzona	Girolamo Frescobaldi

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in God.

People: We believe in God's promises for us.

Leader: Blessed are those who find joy in God.

People: We delight in God's presence in our lives.

Leader: Blessed are those who serve God.

People: We come to give our best to our Creator.

Leader: Blessed are those who worship God.

People: We are here to praise God!

*HYMN 295	In This Very Room	IN THIS VERY ROOM

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Virginia Anderson

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 84:8-12	First Testament, pg. 543

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

(8:30) Holy, Holy, Holy
John Hatfield

(10:45) I Wanna Be Ready — arr. Rosephanye Powell
Grace Ashley, soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 12:49-56	Second Testament, pg. 75
SERMON	Jesus the Arsonist	Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson
HYMN 612	O Jesus, I Have Promised (v. 1 and 4)	ANGEL'S STORY

**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

(8:30)	Evening Prayer	Engelbert Humperdinck
(10:45)	Allegretto	Flor Peeters

*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)	Have Thine Own Way, Lord	arr. Craig Curry
(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 611	Rise Up, O Saints of God!	FESTAL SONG

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

(10:45) God Be with You Till We Meet Again
Ralph Vaughan Williams

POSTLUDE

(8:30)	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord	arr. Aaron Williams
(10:45)	Prelude in F	J.S. Bach

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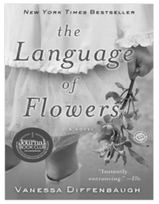
YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF FELLOWSHIP TODAY!

ALL youth (grades 6-12) are invited to come to the gym from 4:00-6:00 PM today for our season kick-off! We will play lots of fun games, get to know each other a bit, and enjoy snacks together. You won't want to miss it!

CRESTWOOD BOOK CLUB UPCOMING MEETING



The Crestwood Book Club meets every other month for fellowship and spiritual growth, and everyone is invited! This month's book is "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The group will meet on Monday, Aug. 25, at 6:30 PM in Room MC 8. Contact Beth Cooper for more information.

SUPPORT GREENHOUSE17: DONATE PERSONAL CARE & FEMININE PRODUCTS TODAY

We have a special opportunity to support **GreenHouse17**, a nonprofit organization that provides safe shelter and support for survivors of intimate partner violence in our community. Their mission is one of healing, hope, and empowerment—and they need our help.

GreenHouse17

GreenHouse17 is currently in urgent need of personal care items and feminine hygiene products to support the individuals and families they serve. If you are able, please consider donating new, unopened items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, lotion, etc.

Your contribution, no matter how small, will directly benefit those rebuilding their lives with the support of GreenHouse17. Items can be dropped off in the blue collection tub located in Giving Lane (marked "Greenhouse17") before Aug. 29. They will be delivered to the shelter the following week. Let's come together in faith and love to make a difference.

LITURGISTS NEEDED

Lend your voice to our worship services! We're looking for liturgists for both services on Sunday morning. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided during the week before). We'd love to have you be part of leading worship on Sunday, so please sign up. No previous experience necessary!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Terry Fisher, the family of Barbara Hahn, Charlie Keesy, the family of Barb Schriefer

FAMILY: Makensie Baxter (niece of Jane Maskalick), **Phyllis Burdette** (mother of Kim Powell), **the family of Danny Carey** (brother-in-law of Libby Wachtel), **Liam Massey** (nephew of Michelle DeLacey), **Jayne** (sister of Crestwood member)

FRIENDS: Don Belles (of Michelle DeLacey), **Nancy Dawson** (of Ward Ransdell), **Mary June Moseley** (of Libby Wachtel)

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), **Denise Murray, 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.

Our Mission

Connecting people to God and each other by welcoming and accepting everyone; helping them grow in their faith; and empowering them to serve God by serving others.

Today's Worship Leaders

Elders
8:30 Dabney Parker
10:45 Bob Shanklin

Liturgists
8:30 Rick Fern
10:45 Joanne Brown

Next Sunday

I Know a Guy...

Luke 14:7-14

Rev. Steph Wallace

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
August 24, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 24
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Shalom Social Justice - Bradford Room
4:00 PM - Combined Youth Kick-Off - Gym

Monday, August 25
6:30 PM - Book Club - MC 8

Wednesday, August 27
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, August 28
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, August 31
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
9:40 AM - Wake Up With Wallace - Panera Bread
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Church Staff

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

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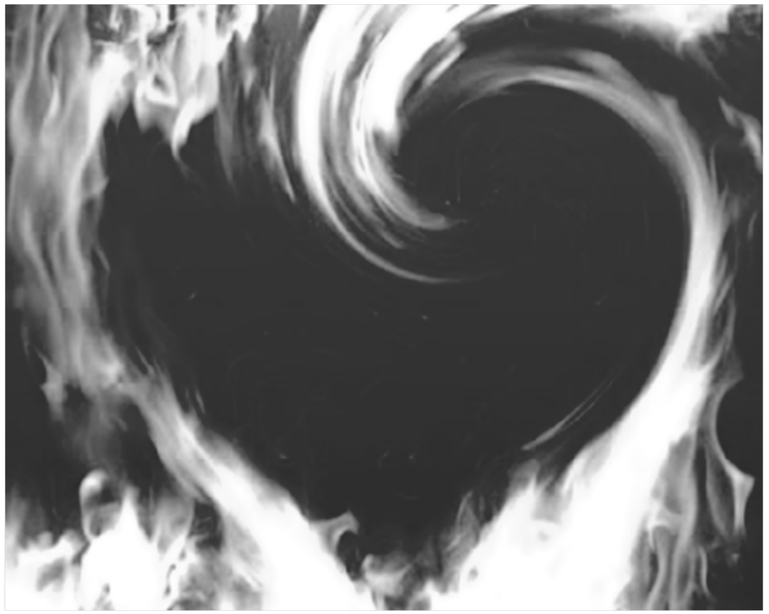

Jesus the Arsonist

Luke 12:49-56

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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