August 31, 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 Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants
arr. David Johnson

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: God's mercies are new every morning.

People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Leader: God is our solid foundation.

People: We put our trust in You, God, to guide us through life.

Leader: Evidence of God's goodness surrounds us each day.

People: We rejoice that God is with us, today and every day.

*HYMN 59 This Is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Julia Peace

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 112 First Testament, pg. 563

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 We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
arr. Moses Hogan

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:7-14 Second Testament, pg. 77

SERMON I Know a Guy... Rev. Steph Wallace

HYMN 73 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Wellesley

**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 Andante 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
Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants
arr. Peter Pindar Stearns

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 683 O for a World AZMON
(v. 1, 4, & 5)

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE
(10:45) May the Light of Christ Tom Fettke

POSTLUDE Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word arr. Paul Manz

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SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Prayer can be intimidating. After all, we're talking to God! And yet, sometimes we overcomplicate something that is meant to be simple. Author Anne Lamott says that there are really only three essential prayers: Help. Thanks. Wow. For our September sermon series, we'll be diving deeper into those three words and how they contain within them the richest, most authentic prayers we can offer. Join us as we learn together how an effective prayer can be as simple as one word.

Sept. 7 – Essential Prayers: Help!

Sept. 14 – Essential Prayers: Thanks!

Sept. 21 – Essential Prayers: Wow!

TRIMMING HELP NEEDED

The Property Team will be trimming shrubs on the church grounds Saturday, Sept. 6. We will begin at 8:00 AM and finish before noon. Your help would be appreciated and is needed!

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 7. 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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS & PET SUPPLY DRIVE

All of Crestwood is invited to the Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, Sept.14, from 2:00-3:00 PM in the Lafferty Garden. Bring your beloved pet (or a photo) to be prayed over and blessed by Kory!

The Crestwood Youth Group is collecting pet food and supplies for Lexington Humane Society, as we do each year leading up to the Blessing of the Pets. Please bring ANY of the items from the list below between now and Sept. 14 and leave them in one of the donation bins at either church entrance. These will be delivered to Lexington Humane Society immediately after the event on Sept. 14. Help us feed our hungry furry friends as they try to find their forever homes!

Needed Items:

- Dry Purina dog food
- Dry Purina Cat Chow
- Canned cat food
- Dry Purina Kitten Chow
- Cat litter (non-scented and non-clumping only)
- Milk Bone original dog biscuits (medium size)

Please join us also for an ice cream social during Blessing of the Pets. There will be pup cups available for our fur friends! Special thank you to our Fellowship Team for sponsoring this event.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Bonnie Flanery, 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), **Liam Massey** (nephew of Michelle DeLacey), **Jayne** (sister of Crestwood member)

FRIENDS: Don Belles (of Michelle DeLacey), **Nancy Dawson** (of Ward Ransdell), **Kim Gilbert** (of Heather Pergram), **the family of Judy King** (of Joanne Brown), **George Miller** (of Jill and Rick Sawyer), **the family of Mary June Moseley** (of Libby Wachtel), **Tex Weber** (of Jill & Rick Sawyer)

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 Libby Wachtel
10:45 Dan Pence

Liturgists
8:30 Rick Fern
10:45 Patti Bridges

Next Sunday

Essential Prayers: Help!

Mark 5:25-34

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
August 31, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, September 1
LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2
9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, September 3
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, September 4
9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers - Chapel
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Saturday, September 6
12:30 PM - Car parking for UK football game

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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

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

I Know a Guy...

Luke 14:7-14

Rev. Steph Wallace

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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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