

Gathering		
WELCOME <i>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.</i>		
PRELUDE	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	arr. David Cherwien
Connecting with God		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader: A new day is upon us, a gift from God.		
People: We are a new creation in Jesus Christ.		
Leader: The old has passed away...		
People: ...the new has come!		
Leader: This day was created for us.		
People: It's a time to slow down and be in God's presence.		
Leader: Let all who are faithful proclaim their praise.		
People: We give thanks to God for this new day.		
*HYMN 286	This Is the Day <i>(sing twice)</i>	THE LORD'S DAY
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)		Virginia Anderson
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 121	First Testament, pg. 571
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)	The Lord Is My Salvation Katherine Steckler, soloist	
(10:45)	Mercy Still	Charles Wesley & Nicole Elsey arr. Heather Sorenson
Meg Saunders, violin; Anna Adams, cello		
Proclaiming God's Word		
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 5:21-34	Second Testament, pg. 39
SERMON	Essential Prayers: Help!	Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson
HYMN 339	Just As I Am, Without One Plea	WOODWORTH
*Please stand as you are able.		

Responding to God's Word		
INVITATION TO OFFERING <i>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).</i>		
OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY Meditation on "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"		John Dixon
*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; OR Praise God 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		
Heavenly Father, Hear Our Prayer		arr. David Cherwien
<i>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.</i>		
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
Putting Faith into Action		
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP <i>If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.</i>		
*HYMN 67	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	ST. ANNE
*BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)	The Lord Bless You and Keep You	Peter Lutkin
POSTLUDE	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	arr. Charles Callahan
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FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us TODAY for First Sunday Fellowship! 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.




SEPTEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast is back from summer break! We'll gather on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room for a time of good food and fellowship. All men of Crestwood are welcome to join us! RSVPs aren't necessary but always appreciated; you can let Kory know if you plan to attend.




BLESSING OF THE PETS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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.

FUNCH = FUN + LUNCH...

Be a part of the great food, even better conversations, and all the fellowship!! FUN + LUNCH is a monthly potluck, and everyone is invited. After lunch, we have lots of fun playing BINGO for prizes! Please plan to join us on Friday, Sept. 26 at 11:30 AM in Chalice Hall for FUNCH. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy this special time with your Crestwood family. No RSVP is needed.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Cindy Abernathy, Rick Fern, the family and friends of Bonnie Flanery, Charlie Keesy

FAMILY: Makensie Baxter (niece of Jane Maskalick), Phyllis Burdette (mother of Kim Powell), Jayne (sister of Crestwood member), the family of David Stehle (brother of Bettye Burns)

FRIENDS: Nancy Dawson (of Ward Ransdell), Tybi Finnegan (of Steph Wallace), 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	Next Sunday
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 Katherine Steckler 10:45 Dabney Parker	Essential Prayers: Thanks!
<u>Liturgists</u> 8:30 Katherine Steckler 10:45 Jeanette Knowles	Luke 17:11-19
	Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD

September 7, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 7 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Monday, September 8
7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC 3

Tuesday, September 9
2:00 PM - Property Team - MC 3

Wednesday, September 10
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

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

Saturday, September 13
8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room
4:30 PM - Car parking for UK football game

Sunday, September 14
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
10:45 AM - DWM Officers Installation
12:15 PM - DWM Board Meeting - Bradford Room
2:00 PM - Blessing of the Pets & Ice Cream Social - Lafferty Garden

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

Essential Prayers: Help!

Mark 5:21-34

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

September 7, 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.
