September 21, 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)	Revive Us Again	arr. Pepper Choplin
(10:45)	Now We Join in Celebration	arr. David Cherwien

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Isn't God amazing?

People: We are in awe of God's goodness.

Leader: God created the heavens and the earth.

People: God created each one of us.

Leader: Remember that through baptism God claims you.

People: God loves us like a parent loves a child.

Leader: God calls us to bear fruit in our lives.

People: We live to love and serve God.

*HYMN 56 For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 1, 2, 5) DIX

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Lily Reams

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 104:1-13 First Testament, pg. 554

DEDICATION OF REBECCA DALZELL FOLEY (10:45)

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 Rejoice arr. Johnny Dean

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:22-26 Second Testament, pg. 43

SERMON Essential Prayers: Wow! Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 586 Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 1) OPEN MY EYES

**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)	This Is My Father's World	arr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45)	Aria	John Dixon

*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)	Jesus Loves Me	arr. David Berry
(10:45)	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	arr. Charles Callahan

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 688 When, in Awe of God's Creation HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter

POSTLUDE

(8:30)	Since Jesus Came Into My Heart	arr. David Berry
(10:45)	Toccata in Seven	John Rutter

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REV. DR. GILLETT TO PREACH AT CRESTWOOD SEPT. 28

On Sunday, Sept. 28, Crestwood will welcome Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II, the Regional Minister for Kentucky, as he brings the sermon in both services. Before serving as Regional Minister, Rev. Dr. Gillett was the senior pastor at East Second Street Christian Church in Lexington for over 20 years. Rev. Dr. Gillett is a familiar face to Crestwood and we look forward to sharing in worship with him.

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.

WESTERN KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP

We are planning a rebuilding mission trip to Western Kentucky after the devastating 2021 and 2024 tornadoes! The dates of the trip are Sept. 28—Oct. 3. We will be staying at the former Earlington School in Earlington, KY and working in the area rebuilding homes. No skills are necessary! The cost of the trip will be $125. If you are interested in going on this much needed construction rebuilding mission trip please contact Steve Seithers at sseithers@gmail.com.

GARDENING HELP WANTED

The Property Team is planning to do some of the church's garden work on Sept. 27, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM (coffee and doughnuts will be available in the Bradford Room at 8:30 AM). Late arrivals are welcome and you can leave early if needed. There is plenty to do!

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!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE CREST

The deadline for the October Crest is *noon on Friday, September 26.* Please send your articles to office@crestwoodchristian.org.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Cindy Abernathy, Rick Fern, the family and friends of Bonnie Flanery, the family of Darval Rash

FAMILY: The family of David Stehle (brother of Bettye Burns)

FRIENDS: Brent Bradford, 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), **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, 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 natural disasters, 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 John Gretz
10:45 Dabney Parker

Liturgists
8:30 Cindy Abernathy
10:45 Frank Spragens

Next Sunday

Dreaming Forward
Jeremiah 29:11
Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
September 21, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 21
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Chalice Hall
4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Wednesday, September 24
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, September 25
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Friday, September 26
11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Saturday, September 27
9:00 AM - Gardening Work with Property Team

Sunday, September 28
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 - COMBINED 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

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Essential Prayers: Wow!

Mark 8:22-26

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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