November 23, 2025 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Gathering

WELCOME Scott Webb, Blake & Mila Barry (10:45)

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) All Things Bright and Beautiful arr. Mark Hayes
(10:45) Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Dale Wood

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP Wesley Reams, Duncan Guckenberger

Leader: Today we gather with grateful hearts—for the laughter of children, the wisdom of elders, and the love that binds us all.

People: We thank God for every generation, each one a gift to the church.

Leader: As we worship, may our gratitude overflow like a child's joy.

People: With thankful hearts and open hands, we come to praise the Lord!

*HYMN 528 Give Thanks Isabella Quisehuatl

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Samantha Lewis

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:15-17
Lily Reams, Georgia Williams
Second Testament, pg. 201

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:45) With a Joyful Noise Ruth Elaine Schram
Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER Scarlett Hobbs, Laurel Case

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 Flowers Samantha Ebert
Caroline Bacon, vocals; Dr. William Bacon, piano

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:15-24 Lucy Brown
Second Testament, pg. 77

SERMON A Seat at the Table Pastor Missy Wallace

HYMN 453 Called as Partners in Christ's Service Jack Lynch

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING Caroline Bacon

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 Brayden Tarrence

OFFERTORY
(8:30) For the Children arr. Tom Fettke
(10:45) Jesus Loves Me arr. Charles Callahan

*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 Julie Peace

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Virginia Anderson

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew Sarver, Ryan Thor

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP
(8:30) Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45) Children of the Heavenly Father arr. David Cherwien

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 Samantha Lewis

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.

*HYMN 431 Go, My Children, with My Blessing Lily Reams

*BENEDICTION Virginia & Isabelle Anderson

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

POSTLUDE
(8:30) We Gather Together arr. Mark Hayes
(10:45) Rejoice, the Lord is King arr. Charles Callahan

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FROM ANGEL TREES TO MITTEN TREES!

Now that all our angels have been adopted, we are ready to transform our trees into winter blessings! Please bring new or gently used winter care items (hats/gloves/scarves) and place them under the trees outside the chapel and choir room. All sizes are welcome, and items will be donated to local nonprofits. Thank you for warming the hearts of our neighbors this holiday season.

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT

It's that time of year! Join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 29, as we decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. There is always plenty to do, so come join the fun.

ADVENT WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 30

Advent Workshop will be on Sunday, Nov. 30, following the second service in Chalice Hall. This is a special time when we celebrate the Advent season with family fun! There will be a family craft, pizza lunch, hot cocoa bar, and a special station for kids to decorate an encouragement cup. In partnership with the Mad Potter, we will be painting a round serving plate (one per family), and direct adult supervision will be required. This is a family event, and all are welcome.

HELP DECORATE OUR CRESTWOOD CHRISTMAS TREE

For the first time, we're going to have a Crestwood family Christmas tree, and we want your ornament on it! We're asking you to bring in a family ornament, preferably that has your name(s) on it. It could be as simple as taking a plain ornament and writing your name(s) on it. To be clear, we're not asking you to bring in an heirloom ornament or one that is easily broken. We just want to make sure all our Crestwood families are represented! You can drop the ornament by the office or bring it on Sunday, Nov. 30, the first Sunday of Advent.

PLEASE HELP US FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS AND DONATE TOWARD FOOD BOXES FOR THE NEST!

The Youth Ministry is collecting money to supply food boxes for The Nest - and this year our goal is 400 boxes! The cost is about $6500 - roughly $16 per box. Please donate however much you can to help us meet this goal and show our compassion this holiday season for our brothers and sisters in need. Please label your donation "Food Boxes" so we know your gift is meant to be used towards our goal. Thank you so much for helping make this wish a reality as children right here in Lexington will be blessed with a box full of food to feed their families at Christmas!

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Family of Lionel and Ellie Hawse, Family of Bobby Lail, Tracy Lovan, Julie McDonald, Jim McKinney, Denise Murray, Betty Shanklin, Ray Ware

FAMILY: Susan Goodman (sister of Lucy Wells), **family of Janet Mitchell** (aunt of Lyndi Van Duersen), **Tari Moore** (mother of Judy Moore), **Naomi Riddell** (mother of Michelle Ison), **family of Mark Stockstill** (cousin of Ward Ransdell)

FRIENDS: Family of Wallace Arthur (of Mandy Deerhake), **Courtney Baker Pettit** (of Phoebe Wiley), **Tate Dale** (of Sarah Jefferson), **the Donovan family** (of Sarah Jefferson), **Rob Piepsny** (of Travis Bryant), **Greg Prewitt** (of Jim and Libby Sharpe)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: the Cristi family (of Crestwood), **Tybi Finnegan** (of Steph Wallace), **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: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), **Alex Back** (son of Andrea Back), **Karlis Bowman** (nephew of Debbie Gardner), **Tristan Bowman** (nephew of Debbie Gardner), **Jacob Browning** (son of Holly Nutter), **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, 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.

Today's Leaders

Deacons
8:30 Rick Fern, Ric Hale
10:45 Robert Bookman, TJ & Adrianne Strong, Parker Guckenberger

Elders
8:30 Sonny Wray
10:45 Matt Bacon

Greeters
Joanne Brown, Tony Shartle

Children's Deacons & Greeters
Issy Bookman, Lilianna Bryant, Isabella Quisehuatl, Kash Strong, Ryan Thor, Preston Webb, Charlie Zakowski

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.

Next Sunday

A Grinch-y Christmas:
The Grinch Hated Christmas!
Proverbs 4:20-27
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
November 23, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 23 - UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - COMBINED Youth Group - Box Building Day

Wednesday, November 26
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 - Church office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, November 29
9:00 AM - Decorating the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 30 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Advent Workshop - Chalice Hall

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson
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Rev. Steph Wallace
Interim Associate Minister

Pastor Missy Wallace
Children's Minister

Rev. Kelly Hale
Minister of Pastoral Care

Jennifer Heersche
Office Administrator

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Facilities Manager

Frank Spragens
Music Director

Cindy Abernathy
Pianist

Jane Johnson
Organist

Crestwood Christian Church

A Seat at the Table

Luke 14:15-24

Pastor Missy Wallace

November 23, 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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