

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)

(10:45)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Faye Lopez

J.S. Bach

Connecting with God

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(8:30)

(10:45)

Carol Royse & Tracy Davis

Heather Pergram, Jade Pergram, & Max Orbersen

*HYMN 128

One Candle Is Lit (v. 1)

CRADLE SONG

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,

Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.

Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.

One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

First Testament, pg. 638

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 (10:45)

“And the Glory of the Lord”

from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 4: 20-27

First Testament, pg. 587

SERMON

A Grinch-y Christmas: The Grinch Hated Christmas!

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 124

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

v. 1 and 2

PICARDY

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

*Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

(10:45)

Wexford Carol

Once He Came in Blessing

arr. Lloyd Larson

Marcel Dupré

*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.

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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)

(10:45)

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

Once He Came in Blessing

arr. Mark Hayes

arr. Wilbur Held

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 125

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)

Rejoice

POSTLUDE

(8:30)

(10:45)

People, Look East

Toccata on “Savior of the Nations, Come”

arr. Paul Taylor

Paul Manz

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If you would like to support the ministries of Crestwood, please scan the QR code to the right to go to our secure “Give” page. Thank you for your generosity and support of God’s work at Crestwood!



ADVENT WORKSHOP – TODAY

Advent Workshop will be in Chalice Hall today following the second service. 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.

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.



WE’RE ALMOST THERE!

PLEASE DONATE TO THE NEST FOOD BOXES

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. We still need just about \$1000 to meet this goal...won’t you help us get there? 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!

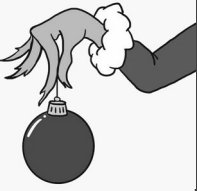
POINSETTIA ORDERS



It is time to order poinsettias for your loved ones or yourself! Each plant costs \$10 and **payment is due by Dec. 15**. Call the office to place an order, email Jennifer at office@crestwoodchristian.org, or place your order online using the QR code. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by December 21.

If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

A Grinch-y Christmas



How do we hold onto the Christmas spirit when the view from Mt. Crumpit saps our sense of hope, peace, joy, and love? How do we keep our hearts from shrinking as we try to hold onto the meaning of Christ's birth? Join us this Advent as we looking at Christmas through the eyes of Dr. Seuss, the loveable Whos, and the "Mean One," Mr. Grinch!

Nov. 30 - The Grinch Hated Christmas!

Dec. 7 - Lessons and Carols led by the choir

Dec. 14 - The Whos Down in Whoville

Dec. 21 - Maybe Christmas Means a Little Bit More

Joys and Concerns

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

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), Reed Elliot (of Travis Bryant), 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	
<u>Deacons</u> 8:30 Rick Fern, Ric Hale 10:45 Robert Bookman, TJ & Adrienne Strong, Parker Guckenberger	<u>Liturgists</u> 8:30 Natalee Feese 10:45 Clara Wallace
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 Natalee Feese 10:45 Jay Prather	<u>Greeters</u> 8:30 Bonnie Huddleston 10:45 Jay & Mitchell Prather, Tony Shartle, Becky Ernst, Pat Waggener
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 Lessons and Carols

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
November 30, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Tuesday, December 2

- 9:00 AM - Library Team

Wednesday, December 3

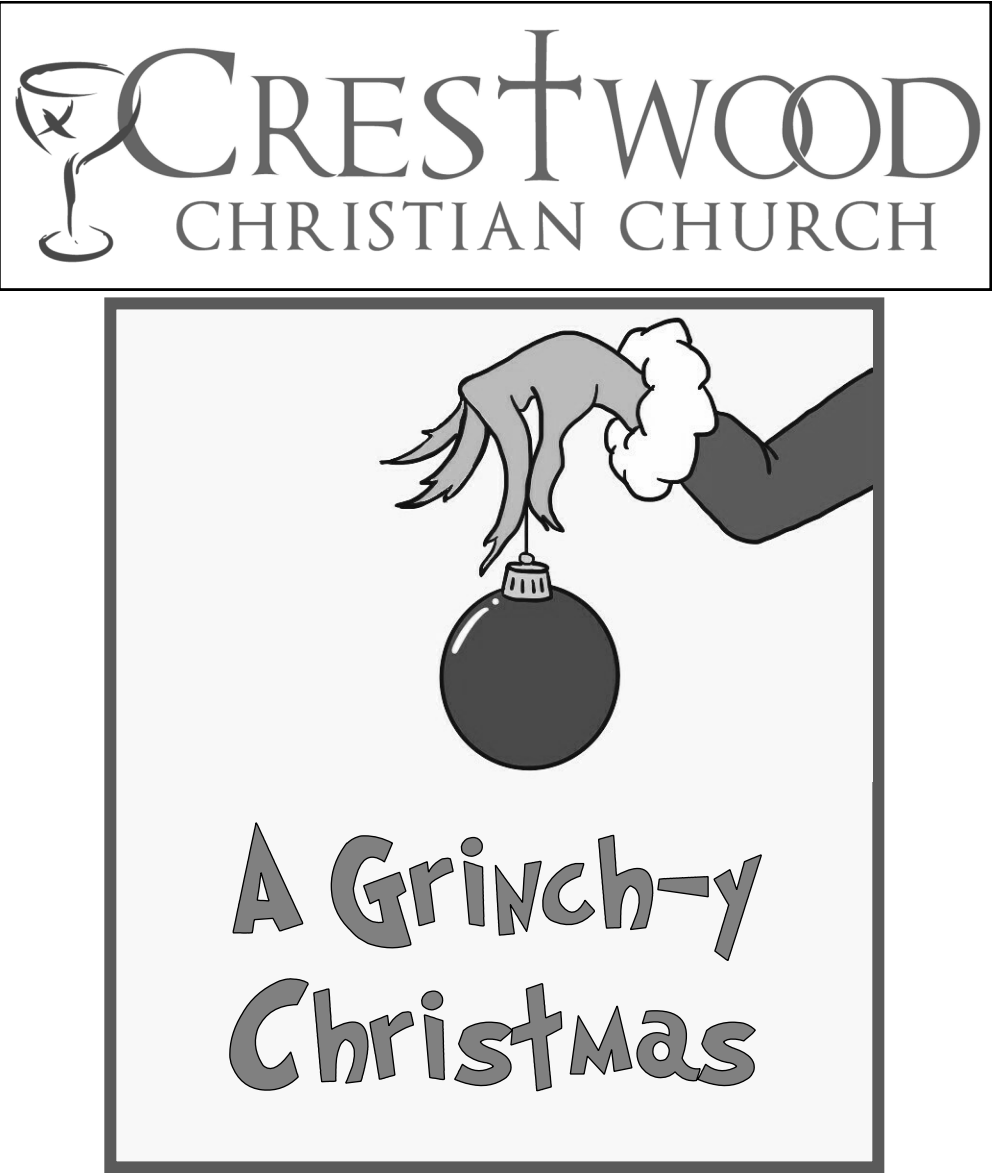
- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

Thursday, December 4

- 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Sunday, December 7 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & LESSONS AND CAROLS

- 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 - Food Box Filling Day!
- EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



The Grinch Hated Christmas!

Proverbs 4:20-27

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

November 30, 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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Pastor Missy Wallace Children's Minister	Jim Cristi Facilities Manager	Jane Johnson Organist