

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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)

(10:45)

Coventry Carol

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

John Hatfield, guitar

arr. Lloyd Larson

Connecting with God

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(8:30)

(10:45)

Bill and Pam Bacon

Alan and Sherry Mong

\*HYMN 128

One Candle Is Lit (v. 1, 2, 3)

CRADLE SONG

See insert for lyrics

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Second Testament, pg. 2

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)

(10:45)

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

John Hatfield, guitar

There Is No Rose

Z. Randall Stroope

Allison Weitkamp, oboe

Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-9

First Testament, pg. 640

SERMON

A Grinch-y Christmas: The Whos Down in Whoville

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN

A Waiting Hymn

words by Erin Smallwood Wathen

GREENSLEEVES

See insert for lyrics

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)

(10:45)

The Holly and the Ivy

Improvisation on “I Wonder As I Wander”

arr. Pepper Choplin

David Lasky

\*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)

(10:45)

Once in Royal David’s City

Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. Pepper Choplin

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 136

Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming

PLEADING SAVIOR

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)

Rejoice

POSTLUDE

(8:30)

(10:45)

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

People, Look East

arr. Pepper Choplin

arr. Kristina Langlois

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

There will be a regular congregational meeting today after the 10:45 AM service to vote on the 2026 budget. All church members are encouraged to attend.

LIVE NATIVITY TRAIL

We will be hosting a Live Nativity Trail TODAY at 4:00 PM prior to our all-church holiday dinner. Families can pick up maps and start at the children’s wing entrance for kids to participate in a scavenger hunt across church property and interact with characters. A nativity petting zoo will be onsite for all to enjoy. You don’t want to miss it!

CHURCH HOLIDAY DINNER TODAY

Please join us at 5:00 PM in the gym for our annual church family dinner and Christmas carol singing. All are welcome to gather for this special meal and celebrate the season together. Chef Shawn will prepare a traditional Christmas feast for us including: herb crusted turkey breast, mashed potatoes, dressing, Southern green beans, cranberry sauce, and home-made yeast rolls.

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 [office@crestwoodchristian.org](mailto: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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us on Dec. 17 as we spread holiday cheer to some of our neighbors and church members! We’ll depart from church at 6:30 PM. The whole family is invited to be part of the singing!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

We are approaching the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Memories of lost loved ones and the pain of present experiences and situations can become overwhelming. While the holidays are supposed to be full of joy, some of us experience sadness, grief, or anxiety. You are not alone. The Stephen Ministers invite you to a service on Dec. 21 at 4:00 PM acknowledging and seeking the LIGHT that comes into the darkness. Please invite friends to join you.

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, Dec. 24

5:00 PM Family Service

7:00 PM Candlelight Service (Live-streamed)

10:30 PM Organ Prelude

11:00 PM Candlelight Service

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Terry Fisher, Mike Lovell, Julie McDonald, Boyd Schriefer, family of Betty Shanklin

**FAMILY:** Mary Herald (sister of Kimberly Sparks), family of Gordon Johns (stepfather of Julie Lewis), family of Marge Marcum (cousin of Libby Wachtel), family of Janet Mitchell (aunt of Lyndi Van Duersen), Michele Mitchell (daughter of Wayne and Eva Dennis)

**FRIENDS:** Family of Wallace Arthur (of Mandy Deerhake), Tate Dale (of Sarah Jefferson), the Donovan family (of Sarah Jefferson), Reed Elliot (of Travis Bryant), Kenny Hamilton (of Phoebe Wiley), family of Tim Hughes (of Crestwood), Greg Prewitt (of Jim and Libby Sharpe), Shirley Price (of Phoebe Wiley), Pat Reynolds (of Phoebe Wiley)

**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), Mary Zarba (of Libby Wachtel)

**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 Bill Bacon, Dennis Howard 10:45 Thomas Hoellein, Zac Hoellein, Jeanette Knowles, Laura Prather	<u>Liturgists</u> 10:45 Jeanette Knowles
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 Natalee Feese 10:45 Amy Wheeler	<u>Greeters</u> 8:30 Lewis & Natalie Feese 10:45 Pat Waggener
<b>Our Mission</b> 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.	<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>A Grinchy Christmas: Maybe Christmas Means a Little Bit More</b> Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD  
December 14, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 14 - THIRD 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 - Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM - Live Nativity Trail
- 5:00 PM - All-Church Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 15

- 11:45 AM - DWM Julia Circle - Potluck at the home of Sara Gretz (708 Old Dobbin Rd.)

Tuesday, December 16

- 6:15 PM - DWM Deborah Circle - Bradford Room

Wednesday, December 17

- 10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room, lunch at The Gift Box and Tea Room
- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
- 6:30 PM - Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 18

- 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM - Choir Practice

Friday, December 19

- 11:30 AM - FUNCH - Chalice Hall

Sunday, December 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 4:00 PM - Longest Night Service
- 4:00 PM - Combined Youth Group - Christmas Party

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

# The Whos Down in Whoville

Isaiah 11:1-9

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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