

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025


8:30 & 10:45 AM

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| <u>Gathering</u> | | |
| 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 (8:30) Coventry Carol arr. Lloyd Larson (10:45) Savior of the Nations, Come arr. Gilbert Martin | | |
| <u>Connecting with God</u> | | |
| ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (8:30) Berkeley and Patty Hollingsworth (10:45) The Stout family | | |
| *HYMN 128 | One Candle Is Lit | CRADLE SONG |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Micah 5:2-5a | First Testament, pg. 865 |
| CHILDREN’S CHOIR (10:45) Go Tell It on the Mountain | | |
| 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) | Personent Hodie | Vijay Singh |
| <u>Proclaiming God’s Word</u> | | |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 1: 26-38 | Second Testament, pg. 56 |
| SERMON A Grinch-y Christmas: Maybe Christmas Means a Little Bit More Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson | | |
| HYMN 159 | There’s a Song in the Air! | CHRISTMAS SONG |
| <u>Responding to God’s Word</u> | | |
| 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 | | |
| <i>*Please stand as you are able.</i> | | |

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| OFFERTORY (8:30) The Holly and the Ivy arr. Pepper Choplin (10:45) Of the Father’s Love Begotten arr. Leah Davis | | |
| *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) Once in Royal David’s City arr. Pepper Choplin (10:45) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Flor Peters <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 <u>Putting Faith into Action</u> | | |
| INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP <i>If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.</i> | | |
| *HYMN 167 | Go Tell It on the Mountain | GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) | Rejoice | |
| POSTLUDE (8:30) Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella arr. Pepper Choplin (10:45) Rejoice! Rejoice! Phil Lehenbauer * * * <small>Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-732007; CCLI, License #20883820 (Streaming).</small> | | |
| 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! | | |

ALL YOUTH INVITED TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Today, from 4:00-6:00 PM in the youth meeting room, all youth are welcome to come enjoy yummy treats and laugh with us as we do our annual gift exchange! Bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$25, suitable for anyone in the group. Email Steph Wallace with your questions. It will be a joyous and merry time of food and fellowship. Join us!



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 today 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 10:30 PM Organ Prelude

7:00 PM Candlelight Service 11:00 PM Candlelight Service

(Live-streamed)

The church office will be closed Dec. 25—Jan. 1. We’ll see you again in the new year!

HELP US WELCOME EVERYONE – BE A GREETER!

As part of fulfilling our Faithful Plan and living out our core value of Welcoming, we are reviving our Greeter Ministry! Greeters provide a friendly face and warm welcome to all worshippers on Sunday morning. If you are interested and willing to be a greeter at either service, just scan the QR code to sign up. Let’s make sure everyone who walks through our doors knows how glad we are that they are here!



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 scan the QR code to sign up. No previous experience necessary!



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Terry Fisher, Tracy Lovan, Mike Lovell, Boyd Schriefer

FAMILY: Larry Blondell (brother of David Blondell), Mary Herald (sister of Kimberly Sparks), family of Gordon Johns (stepfather of Julie Lewis), family of Marge Marcum (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Michele Mitchell (daughter of Wayne and Eva Dennis)

FRIENDS: Chesley Dunn (of Rick and Jeanne Jouett), Reed Elliot (of Travis Bryant), Kenny Hamilton (of Phoebe Wiley), family of Tim Hughes (of Crestwood), Amy Morris (of Jill and Rick Sawyer), Betty Morrison (of David and Angie Allen), Greg Prewitt (of Jim and Libby Sharpe), Shirley Price (of Phoebe Wiley), Pat Reynolds (of Phoebe Wiley), Daniel and Kimberly Witt (of Jennifer Bryant)

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), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), Denise Murray, Julie Parsons (of Libby Wachtel), 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 | |
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| <u>Deacons</u> 8:30 Bill Bacon, Dennis Howard 10:45 Thomas Hoellein, Zac Hoellein, Jeanette Knowles, Laura Prather | <u>Liturgists</u> 8:30 Kelly Hale 10:45 Katherine Steckler |
| <u>Elders</u> 8:30 Libby Wachtel 10:45 Amy Wheeler | <u>Greeters</u> 8:30 Will & Nate Feese, Bonnie Huddleston 10:45 Joanne Brown |
| 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 Charlie Brown Christmas Luke 2:1-14 Rev. Kelly Hale |

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
December 21, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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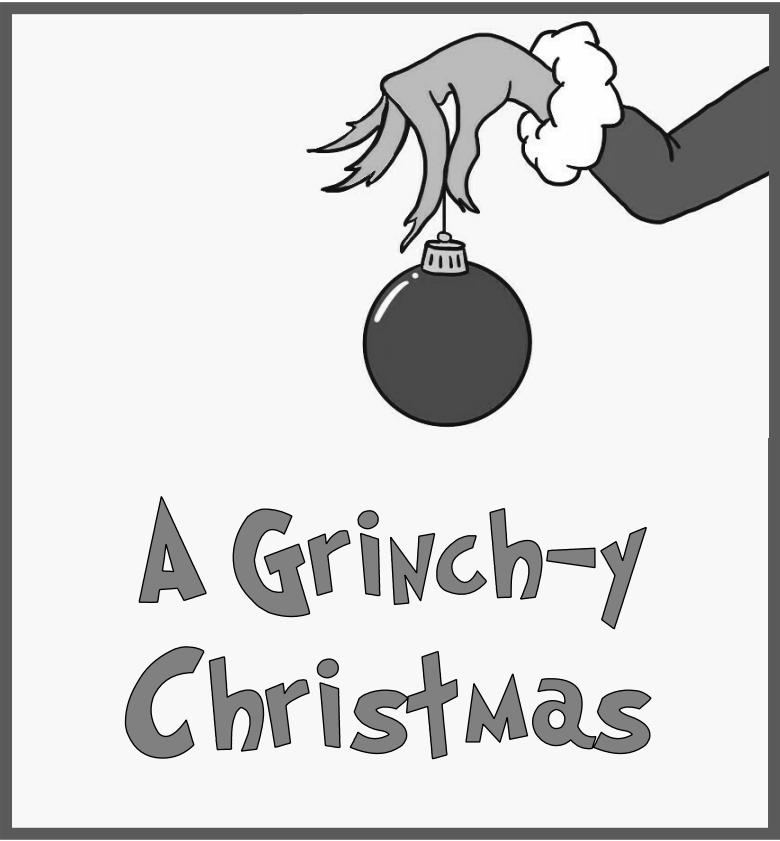
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Sunday, December 28

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF

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| 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 |



Maybe Christmas Means
a Little Bit More

Luke 1:26-38

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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