

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)	He Is Born	arr. Faye Lopez
(10:45)	Noel Angevin	Cesar Franck

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens!

All: Let us praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

*HYMN 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful	ADESTE FIDELIS
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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7	First Testament, pg. 638
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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)

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Johnny Marks

Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14	Second Testament, pg. 58
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SERMON

A Charlie Brown Christmas	Rev. Kelly Hale
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HYMN 150

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	MENDELSSOHN
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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).

**Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY (8:30) (10:45)	Christmas Time Is Here In dulci jubilo	Mendelson/Guaraldi Hermann Schroeder
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*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.
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP (8:30) (10:45)	Gesu Bambino Noel for the Flute Stops	arr. John Purifoy Louis Claude Daquin
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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 143	Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

POSTLUDE (8:30) (10:45)	The First Noel Carol God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen	arr. Faye Lopez arr. Wilbur Held
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JANUARY MEN’S BREAKFAST

We'll gather on Saturday, Jan. 10. at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room for a time of good food and fellowship. All men of Crestwood are welcome to join us! RSVPs aren’t necessary but always appreciated; you can let Kory know if you plan to attend.



JANUARY SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE: STEP BY STEP

Step By Step is celebrating 30 years of walking alongside thousands of young single mothers ages 12 to 24 and their children throughout our community. Over the decades, Step By Step has evolved from offering child abuse prevention education to providing a holistic, trauma-informed approach that includes healing-centered programming, re-source advocacy, and youth-centered leadership development. The mission of Step By Step is to empower and embolden young single mothers to improve their lives, their families, and their communities through healing, encouragement, faith, and education.

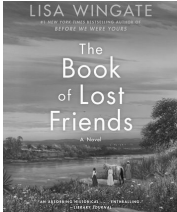


The agency has requested monetary contributions that will be used to support on-going programs. For those who wish to make a contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with letters SBS in the memo line. Please mail your donation to DWM treasurer Donna Thor at 3405 Brandon Drive, Lexington KY 40502.

For more information, you may contact DWM service coordinator Loraye Jones at 859-940-1567 (call or text) or email at loraye.r.jones@gmail.com.

CRESTWOOD BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is Monday, Feb. 23 in MC 8 to discuss “The Book of Lost Friends” by Lisa Wingate.



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, Stephanie Moore, 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: Philip Dare (of Crestwood), Chesley Dunn (of Rick and Jeanne Jouett), 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), 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 (friend 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 (friend 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 Rick Fern, Ric Hale 10:45 Robert Bookman, TJ & Adrienne Strong, Parker Guckenberger	<u>Liturgists</u> 8:30 Nate Feese 10:45 Roberta Buckley
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 John Gretz 10:45 Gayle Hutcherson	<u>Greeters</u> 10:45 Jim & Denise Hile
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 Mind Your Own Business Luke 2:41-52 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
December 28, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 28
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

The church office will re-open on Friday, Jan. 2

Sunday, January 4
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

Tuesday, January 6
9:00 AM - Library Team



A Charlie Brown Christmas

Luke 2:1-14

Rev. Kelly Hale

December 28, 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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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