

January 25, 2026

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)

My Lord, What a Morning arr. Glenda Austin  
Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies arr. T. Tertius Noble

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is great, and greatly to be praised!

**People: We call on God, who is as near as our next breath.**

Leader: We gather here to meet God again.

**People: We come to God's house seeking sanctuary.**

Leader: Bring your fears and your worries to God's altar.

**People: We lay our burdens at God's feet.**

Leader: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People: We give praise to the God who gives us life!**

\*HYMN 53 Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Liliana Bryant

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-11 Second Testament, pg. 124

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) Precious Lord, Take My Hand BEECHER  
Thomas Dorsey, arr. Jack Schrader

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:35-40 Second Testament, pg. 98

SERMON Heaven: Beyond Harps and Halos Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 703 When All Is Ended SINE NOMINE  
(v. 1, 5, 6)

\*Please stand as you are able.

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](http://crestwoodchristian.org/give)).

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) Amazing Grace arr. Martha Kelsey  
(10:45) O Spirit of the Living God Johann Kuhnau

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; **OR** Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

(8:30) On Jordan's Stormy Banks arr. C.E. Walz  
(10:45) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Albin Whitworth

*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 517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE (8:30) When We All Get to Heaven arr. Cindy Berry  
(10:45) Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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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!



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Betty Shanklin by her children: Bob, Tip, and Mary Anne. Today, January 25, would have been her 95th birthday.

**AFTER LIFE SERMON SERIES**

Is there a heaven? What about hell? And what really happens when we die? These are the most common questions people ask their pastor, so let's talk about them on Sunday morning! Starting today, Kory will be preaching a sermon series called "After Life," looking at these questions from a historical, theological, and practical angle. Ultimately, there are no answers to these questions, but that shouldn't stop us from asking them. Our prayer is that in asking the questions together, God will open our eyes to a deeper understanding.



Jan. 25 - Heaven: Beyond Harps and Halos

Feb. 1 - H-E-Double Hockey Sticks

Feb. 8 - What Happens When We Die?

**UNITED IN HOPE**

Please join us for a special service titled "United in Hope: Denouncing Political Violence," featuring keynote speaker Gov. Andy Beshear. The service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 PM at Historic St. Paul Catholic Church located at 425 W. Short St.



**FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

You are welcome to join us for First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 1. Lemonade and cookies will be served in the narthex following each service. Please join us for this special time together!



**LET'S MAKE A SOUPER DIFFERENCE**

Whether you're rooting for a team or the commercials, we can all be winners as we serve the least of these in the community. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 8, as we collect food for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring. This year the food collected will go to Crestwood's Blessing Box. Along with soup, we are also in need of canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna, and Chef Boyardee pasta. Donations can be brought to the narthex on Sunday morning or throughout the week. Thanks for your support as we cheer on our community!

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. START WITH A PINT.**

Kentucky Blood Center requires 400 units of donated blood each day to meet the needs of hospitals across Kentucky. Between now and Valentine's Day, please consider giving blood at your local Kentucky Blood Center location. Handouts with more information are available in the narthex.



## Joys and Concerns

### MEMBERS: Erik Nielsen

**FAMILY:** Family of Gary Adamson (father of Kyle Adamson), Phyllis Burdette (mother of Kim Powell), Michele Mitchell (daughter of Wayne and Eva Dennis), Mollie Ross (cousin of Bill Bacon), LeRoy Wease (nephew of James Pelfrey)

**FRIENDS:** Don Belles (of Michelle DeLacey), Roy and Lena Campbell (of Saralyn Kingsolver), family of Tricia Dean (of Brenda Crank), Candace James (of Tracy Lovan), Matthew Johnson (of James Pelfrey), Jason Murray, Greg Prewitt (of Jim & Libby Sharpe), family of John Price (of Matt and Megan Bacon), family of Patty Rai Smith (of Crestwood), David Staten (of Crestwood), Shannon Willow (of James Pelfrey), Mary Zarba (of Libby Wachtel)

**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), Ariel Main (friend of Libby Wachtel), Denise Murray, Sally (of Ann Kingsolver), 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 and oppression 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 Kyle Melloan, Libby Sharpe  
10:45 Ben Hobbs, Jacob Moore,  
Jaden Moore, Josh Moore

Liturgists  
8:30 Karen Blakeman  
10:45 Denise Murray

### Greeters

8:30 Bonnie Huddleston  
10:45 Tony Shartle, Michelle &  
Stewart Ison

### 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

H-E-Double Hockey Sticks  
Matthew 5:21-22  
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD

### January 25, 2026

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, January 25

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 9:45 AM - Wake Up With Wallace - Panera Bread
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group
- 5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

#### Wednesday, January 28

- 10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room
- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

#### Thursday, January 29

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

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## After Life

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John 6:35-40

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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.

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson  
Senior Minister  
Rev. Steph Wallace  
Interim Associate Minister  
Pastor Missy Wallace  
Children's Minister

Rev. Kelly Hale  
Minister of Pastoral Care  
Jennifer Heersche  
Office Administrator  
Jim Cristi  
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