

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)	Halle, Halle Doxology	arr. Pepper Choplin
(10:45)	American Pastorale	John S. Dixon
Connecting with God		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader: Welcome to this time of worship!		
People: We come to praise God, who rules over the earth.		
Leader: Come, for God welcomes you and draws you close.		
People: We give thanks to God, who is as near as our next breath.		
Leader: God created everyone and everything.		
People: God gave us a place in this world.		
Leader: We are not here by accident.		
People: We are here for one purpose: to worship God.		
*HYMN 21		
	Let the Whole Creation Cry	LLANFAIR
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
SCRIPTURE READING		
	1 John 4:7-12	Second Testament, pg. 241
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)	O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus	Samuel Trevor Francis
	Katherine Steckler, soprano	
(10:45)	This Is My Song	Jean Sibelius
	Ann Haynes, Julie McDonald, Katherine Steckler	
Proclaiming God’s Word		
SCRIPTURE READING		
	Acts 8:26-40	Second Testament, pg. 127
SERMON		
	The Church in Action Sermon Series	
	Poof!	Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson
HYMN 323		
	Wonderful Words of Life	WORDS OF LIFE

*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).		
OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY		
(8:30)	Prelude in F	Beethoven/arr. Todd Kendall
(10:45)	Cantabile	Charles Zeuner
*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.	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)	Oh, How I Love Jesus	arr. David Berry
(10:45)	Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing	arr. Dale Wood
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 725		
	God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand	NATIONAL HYMN
*BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE		
	Amen	
POSTLUDE		
(8:30)	Hallelujah, We Shall Rise as the Saints Go Marching In	arr. Pepper Choplin
(10:45)	The Bristol March	Oliver Shaw (18th c. American)
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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!



CAMPERS LOVE MAIL!	
Drop a note or card of encouragement to our Crestwood campers! Mail should be addressed as follows:	
Camper’s Name, Week of Camp (i.e. Camp 101B) Camp Wakon Da-Ho 7900 East KY 70, Yosemite, KY 42566	
The following youth will be at Camp Chi Rho 1 July 6-11 Maelee Thompson	The following youth will be at Camp Chi Rho 2 July 13-18 Tucker Hall Maddie Thompson Clara Wallace

GLENDOVER ELEMENTARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE	
Donations can be brought to the children’s wing July 12 through Aug. 2. Thank you for helping to support the children of our community.	
Backpacks Crayola Markers Crayola Colored Pencils Glue Sticks Crayola Crayons Ticonderoga Pencils Pencil Boxes Fiskars Scissors Wide Rule Notebooks Composition Wide Rule Notebooks Primary Writing Journal	Folders with 3 holes and pockets Earbuds/Head-phones Clorox Wipes Kleenex Expo Markers Ziplock Bags: gallon and quart *NO notebook filler paper



REGISTER FOR VBS

You can now register your child(ren) or register to volunteer for Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 20-23, by scanning the QR codes shown here. ***NEW FOR 2026*** Fall 2026 sixth graders may register as a volunteer or participant (pick one).

Child registration

Volunteer registration

GUEST PREACHER ON JULY 12

Crestwood is honored to welcome to the pulpit our own Rev. Dr. Jim Abernathy (Crestwood member and husband of our early service pianist, Cindy) on Sunday, July 12. Jim has been serving as an interim minister at Cynthiana Christian Church during their time of transition. On July 12, Kory will preach in Cynthiana and Jim will be with us at Crestwood. Don’t miss it!



COME LEARN ABOUT OUR MISSION TRIP

On Sunday, July 19, the youth will be presenting about their mission trip to St. Louis in Chalice Hall after the 10:45 AM service. We spent the week working in impoverished neighborhoods and learning about the history of racism in that city. Please make plans to attend and hear about all our experiences serving and learning in St. Louis.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Birth of Margaret Louise Browning (daughter of Delaney & Ben Browning), Sylvia Griffin, Ben Webster

FAMILY: Family of Phyllis Burdette (mother of Kim Powell), Rosalie Bush-Ryall (mother of Ben Thompson), Alaina Clifton (niece of Rick and Jeanne Jouett), Anna Grace Day (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Karter Graves (nephew of Sarah Jefferson), Emily Haise (sister of Ben Thompson), Kim Heersche (sister-in-law of Jennifer Heersche), Mark Hendricks (son of Kay Thomas), Gordon Randall (of Kory Wilcoxson), Marty Wallingford (uncle of Lyndi Van Duersen), Glynne Ward (cousin of Jeanne Jouett)

FRIENDS: Ladonna Gregory (of Kimberly Sparks), Pat Reynolds (of Phoebe Wiley), Cierra Russell (of Karen Trommer)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Suzy Campbell (of Libby Wachtel), Steve Combs (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Cheryl (of Jeanne Jouett), the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Frank Dickey (of Crestwood), Jo Fulkerson, Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), Rex (of Jeanne Jouett), 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), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Connor Hankins (nephew of Lauren York), 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, Buzz Mattingly, Earl Pfanstiel, 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	
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 Harvey Thompson 10:45 John Gretz	<u>Liturgists</u> 8:30 Katherine Steckler 10:45 Amy Stout
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 The Church in Action Sermon Series The Conversion of Paul Acts 9:1-20 Rev. Dr. Jim Abernathy

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
July 5, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, July 5**
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
- Monday, July 6**
7:00 PM - Local Outreach - MC 3
- Tuesday, July 7**
9:00 AM - Library Team
- Wednesday, July 1**
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
- Thursday, July 2**
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room
- Sunday, July 12**
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service

THE CHURCH IN ACTION SERMON SERIES

The book of Acts takes us from Jesus's ascension into heaven, through the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and into the spreading of the good news across the known world. This summer, we'll walk through this book together, learning how this upstart movement grew into a worldwide religion.

- July 12 – Acts 9:1-20 – The conversion of Paul
July 19 – Acts 9:36-42 – Peter heals Tabitha
July 26 – Acts 10 – Cornelius and the Gentiles receiving the gospel
August 2 – Acts 15 – The Jerusalem Council's decision
August 9 – Acts 16:16-34 – Paul breaks out of prison
August 16 – Acts 17:22-31 – Paul preaches in Athens

CHURCH STAFF

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| Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson
Senior Minister | Jennifer Heersche
Office Administrator | Frank Spragens
Music Director |
| Pastor Missy Wallace
Children's Minister | Jim Cristi
Facilities Manager | Cindy Abernathy
Pianist |
| Rev. Kelly Hale
Minister of Pastoral Care | | Jane Johnson
Organist |



The Church in Action
Poof!
Acts 8:26-40
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

July 5, 2026
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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