

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) Down to the River to Pray arr. Mark Hayes
(10:45) The King of Love My Shepherd Is
John Hatfield, guitar

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Call on the Lord with praise and thanksgiving!
People: We open ourselves to God’s presence.
Leader: Tell of God’s wonderful works!

People: We rejoice in God’s steadfast love.
Leader: When we eat, we are reminded that God provides for us.
People: When we drink clean water, we give thanks.
Leader: Let all the people worship with joyful hearts!
People: We give thanks to God, for our blessings overflow.

*HYMN 277 Christians, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Henry Brandt

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-11 Second Testament, pg. 4

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) The King of Love My Shepherd Is
John Hatfield, guitar
(10:45) Hymn to God: Creator John Ferguson

Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-20 Second Testament, pg. 195

SERMON The Battle for Peace Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 680 O God of Every Nation NYLAND

**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) Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. John Purifoy
(10:45) Peace Lois Hill

*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) Jerusalem, My Happy Home arr. John Purifoy
(10:45) Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace), Hymn 297
arr. Tina B. Wagoner

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 677 Let There Be Peace on Earth WORLD PEACE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen

POSTLUDE
(8:30) Allegro in G Felix Mendelssohn
(10:45) Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace), from the Sixteenth Mass
W.A. Mozart

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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!



YOUTH BOWLING TODAY

The youth groups will be gathering today to go bowling! Students can be dropped off at Southland Lanes at 5:00 PM and picked up at 7:00 PM. Please bring spending money for food because we will be eating dinner together at the bowling alley.



HELP SUPPORT OUR BLESSING BOX

Crestwood has its own food pantry - the Blessing Box! Every day, hungry folks are able to take the food they need to feed themselves and their families. The Blessing Box is utilized heavily in the summer with children out of school and we are struggling to keep up with the need. Won’t you please help us out by picking up a few supplies to donate?



Items can be left in the admin wing. Here are the nonperishables we need most:

- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Canned refried or pinto beans
- Peanut Butter
- Dry spaghetti
- Canned tomato sauce
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Canned tuna (in water) and Vienna sausages
- Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Beefaroni
- Macaroni and cheese

ADD YOUR GIFTS TO SUNDAY MORNING

Each Sunday, there are two ways you can participate in helping making our worship experience meaningful to all those who join us. First, our Greeters provide a friendly face and warm welcome to all who worship with us. Second, our Liturgists lead the congregation in the Call to Worship and read the first scripture (both of which are provided during the week before). To learn more and sign up, scan the QR codes. Thanks for being a part of our team that helps make worship happen each Sunday!



Liturgists



Greeters

IT’S ALMOST CAR PARK SEASON!

Each year, our Youth Groups sell parking spots for all UK home games during the football season. This is how we fund our summer mission trips. Please tell your friends to park with us - it is only \$10 per spot! Season passes are also now available at \$80 for all home games, which provide you a guaranteed parking space for each game. Football will be here before we know it, with our first car park happening on Saturday, Sept. 5. Go Cats!



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Steve Seithers, family of Ben Webster

FAMILY: Family of Roy Isaacs (brother-in-law of David Wiseman), Tiffany Meek (niece of the Hiles), family of Donna Nickell Miller (sister of June Richey), family of Sue Wilson (of Minva Gayle Hodgins), family of Anthony Wiseman (cousin of David Wiseman)

FRIENDS: Ken Cottrell (of Rose Willis), Clark Gregory (of Steve and Martha Seithers), Libby Messer & Robbie Messer (of Linda Ransdell) Jackie Muncy (of Crestwood), family of Gordon Randall (of Kory Wilcoxson), Terri Rowland (of Mandy Deenhake), Sid Sutherland (of Sice Shanklin)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Suzy Campbell (of Libby Wachtel), Steve Combs (cousin of Libby Wachtel), the Cristi family (of Crestwood), Anna Grace Day (cousin of Libby Wachtel), Frank Dickey (of Crestwood), Jo Fulkerson, Jordan & Ginny Sue Hemphill (brother & sister-in-law of Monte LaFrana), Tari Moore (mother of Judy Moore), Riley Owens (of Jeanne Jouett), Rex (of Jeanne Jouett), Sally (of Ann Kingsolver), 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, Sylvia Griffin, 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>August Deacons</u> 8:30 Rick Fern, Dennis Howard 10:45 Kevin & Sammi Barry, Heather & Jade Pergram	<u>Liturgist</u> 10:45 Katherine Steckler
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 John Hill 10:45 Judy Derrickson	
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.	<u>Next Sunday</u> From Brokenness to Belonging 2 Corinthians 5:12-6:2 Tara Wilkinson

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
August 23, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 23
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
5:00 PM - CYF and Chi Rho Youth - Bowling Outing

Wednesday, August 26
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
6:00 PM - Personnel Committee - Bradford Room

Thursday, August 27
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, August 30
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
5:00 PM - CYF and Chi Rho Youth Groups



The Battle for Peace
Ephesians 6:10-20
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

August 23, 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.

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

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