

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 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. Lloyd Larson
 Kristen Fowler, piano

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen.
People: God is more than we can ever imagine.

Leader: Our God is beyond human description.
People: And yet God loves each of us beyond measure.

Leader: The Creator of life has given us all things.
People: We feel God’s presence as we pray and sing together.
Leader: We are called by the One who is just and merciful.

People: We are here to respond by offering our lives.

*HYMN 111 Santo, Santo, Santo SANTO

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

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 17:1-7 First Testament, pg. 496

CHILDREN’S TIME (10:45)
After Children’s Time, preschool through 5th grade may leave for Children’s Worship & Wonder. After worship, parents may pick up their children in the Children’s Wing.

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 Lord Is My Salvation Keith & Kristyn Getty
 Katherine Steckler, soloist
(10:45) The King of Love K. Lee Scott

Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:22-32 First Testament, pg. 30

SERMON Punched by an Angel Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 540 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET

**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) Higher Ground arr. Cindy Berry
(10:45) Flute Piece Thomas Thorley

*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) Here, at Your Table, Lord arr. Mark Hayes
(10:45) O God of Truth Scottish Psalter
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 543 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen

POSTLUDE
(8:30) Sunday Joy Mark Hayes
(10:45) Promised Land arr. Sam Batt Owens

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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!





Please plan to join in the celebration of the

Dedication of the Mission Center

In honor of Rev. William McDonald

Sunday, September 13

After Worship

HELP FEED THE YOUTH!

We're looking for people who'd be willing to provide dinner for our youth groups on Sunday evenings. We typically get 20-25 youth each Sunday. Dinner is at 5:30 PM and can be anything from a home-cooked meal to pickup and delivery. If the amount of food feels too daunting, we encourage people to partner with others. For more information and food ideas, talk to Kory. We'd love to have your help in serving our youth this way!



SEPTEMBER MEN’S BREAKFAST

We'll gather on Saturday, September 12, 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.



SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

You are welcome to join us for *SECOND* Sunday Fellowship (due to the Labor Day holiday) on Sunday, Sept. 13. Refreshments will be served in the narthex following each service. Please join us for this special time together!



GET INVOLVED WITH CRESTWOOD’S COMMUNITY GIVEBACK

Crestwood is having its fall Community Giveback from Sept. 20 to Oct. 3 (and an extra date on Oct. 8!). This is a great time to get involved in the community, to learn about what goes on in the nonprofits we support, and to better understand our community's needs. You can sign up using the QR code or at either of the entrances on Sunday morning!



SING ALONG WITH SICE

For the first meeting of the season, the DWM Dorcas Circle invites the women of Crestwood to join them for a hymn sing-along on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 10:00 AM in the Bradford Room. Sice Shanklin will be coordinating the music that will feature traditional, well-known songs and Kristen Fowler will accompany everyone on piano. No need to be a Dorcas Circle member—all women of all ages are welcome!



Large print bulletins are available upon request.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Family of Ben Webster

FAMILY: Tiffany Meek (niece of the Hiles), family of Donnie Webb (cousin of David Wiseman)

FRIENDS: Ken Cottrell (of Rose Willis), Libby Messer & Robbie Messer (of Linda Ransdell), Jackie Muncy (of Crestwood), Lee Lee Robinson (of Lettie Mitchell), Terri Rowland (of Mandy Deerhake), Sid Sutherland (of Sice Shanklin), Lee Weber (of Jill and Rick Sawyer)

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), Eva Dennis (of Crestwood), Frank Dickey (of Crestwood), Patricia Finger (mother of Joanne Brown), 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>September Deacons</u> 8:30 Bill Bacon, Jill Howe 10:45 Dana & Kyle Adamson, Will Adamson, Kenzie Claus	<u>Liturgists</u> 8:30 Katherine Steckler 10:45 Dabney Parker
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 Katherine Steckler 10:45 Judy Derrickson	<u>Greeters</u> 8:30 Lewis & Nate Feese
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 B-I-B-L-E Sermon Series What's in the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:14-16 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
September 6, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 6 8:30 AM - Worship Service 9:30 AM - Sunday School 9:30 AM - Choir Practice 10:45 AM - Worship Service <i>*No youth group due to Labor Day weekend*</i>
Monday, September 7 <i>*Church office closed for Labor Day*</i>
Tuesday, September 8 9:00 AM - Property Team - Bradford Room
Wednesday, September 9 8:30 PM - SRO trip to Toyota 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
Thursday, September 10 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room 6:00 PM - Finance Committee - Bradford Room 7:00 PM - Choir Practice
Saturday, September 12 8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room 12:30 PM - Youth Car Park
Sunday, September 13 *SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP* 8:30 AM - Worship Service 9:30 AM - Sunday School 9:30 AM - Choir Practice 10:45 AM - Worship Service 12:00 PM - Mission Center Dedication 12:00 PM - DWM Board Meeting - Bradford Room 12:00 PM - Social Justice Community Issues Meeting - MC 4 5:00 PM - Youth Groups - Dinner and trip to Lexington History Museum

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



Jacob Wrestling by Suja Jacob

Punched by an Angel

Genesis 32:22-32

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

September 6, 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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