

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)Take Time to Be Holyarr. Lloyd Larson
(10:45)Praise My Soul, the King of Heavenarr. Robert Hobby

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: “Love” is a verb.
People: A moving word. A doing word.

Leader: “Love” is an action word.
People: “Love” is God’s word, alive in our lives.
Leader: So let us live this word today.

People: Let us love God. Let us love each other. Let us love ourselves.
Leader: “Love” is God’s Word poured out for us.
People: Let us worship our loving God!

*HYMN 261Sweet, Sweet SpiritSWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)Wesley Reams

SCRIPTURE READINGPsalm 27:1-5First Testament, pg. 503

PRESENTATION OF GOD AND ME SCOUTING AWARDMitchell Prather

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.

ANTHEMO Taste and SeeRalph Vaughan Williams
Janice Eteme, soprano

Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING1 John 4:7-21Second Testament, pg. 241

SERMONLove in ActionRev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 606God, Whose Giving Knows No EndingNETTLETON

**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God’s Word

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
(8:30)Daniel and Lexy Holland
(10:45)Hunter and Amy Stout
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)The Unclouded Dayarr. C.E. Walz
(10:45)Be Thou My Visionarr. Dale Wood

*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)Abide With Mearr. Donna Robertson
(10:45)Pastorale No. 1Christopher Uehlein
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 614I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use MeI’M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSEAmen

POSTLUDE (8:30)Along the King’s HighwayLani Smith
(10:45)Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Servicearr. Mark Thewes

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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!



FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” — 1 John 3:18

Today, we begin our 2026 Financial Stewardship Campaign. Scripture reminds us that the true measure of faith is how we put love into action. When you pledge your financial resources to Crestwood Christian, your generosity directly funds vital ministries:

- Feeding the hungry
- Supporting youth and children
- Maintaining our sacred space
- Helping neighbors locally and globally

Through our generosity, we ensure that Crestwood continues to be a beacon of God’s love in our community and beyond. Will you join us in this call to action?

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS!

This fall, Crestwood is joining 24 other congregations as part of Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action (BUILD). BUILD identifies issues affecting people in the community, researches solutions, and works with local organizations and government to try to bring about meaningful change. In recent years, their work has contributed to progress toward affordable housing, pilots in transportation and neighborhood elder care, and better data to address renters' issues.

As BUILD kicks off a new season of work, they are looking for feedback from congregations about important issues they see affecting their members and their neighbors, so we need to hear from you! There is one more chance to share in a Sept. 30 meeting hosted by Crestwood’s social justice group that will run about 90 minutes. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY ISSUES HOUSE MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 30 * Bradford Room * 6:00 PM
Dinner will be served
For questions or to RSVP, contact Jill Howe at 605-484-6796 or beansofsteel@yahoo.com

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!



COATS GALORE!

Crestwood, your response to the coat drive for the women and children of Greenhouse 17 has been wonderfully generous! Please drop off the new coats you are donating in the marked bins at each of the sign-up tables outside the sanctuary by Sunday, Oct. 4. Many thanks for your warm hearts!

Large print bulletins are available upon request.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Family of Ben Webster

FAMILY: Carolyn “Sissie” Colliver (sister-in-law of Carolyn Clark), Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), family of Patricia Finger (mother of Joanne Brown),Lou Padilla (nephew of Monte LaFrana), family of Donnie Webb (cousin of David Wiseman)

FRIENDS: Tamela Lewis (of Kimberly Sparks), Libby Messer (of Linda Ransdell), Omar Mostafa and family (of Michelle and Matt DeLacey), Nancy (of Patti Bridges), Lee Lee Robinson (of Lettie Mitchell), Terri Rowland (of Mandy Deerhake), Cindi Thomas (of Libby Wachtel)

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), 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 the Gardners), Tristan Bowman (nephew of the Gardners), 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>Liturgist</u> 10:45 Rick Jouett
Elder 8:30 Andrea Nielsen 10:45 Gayle Hutcherson	
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 How Did We Get the Bible? Luke 1:1-4 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

WHAT’S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
September 27, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, September 27**
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Elders Lunch - Blondell Chalice Hall
12:30 PM - Silver Chalice Dementia Training - Blondell Chalice Hall
5:00 PM - Chi Rho and CYF Youth Groups
- Wednesday, September 30**
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
6:00 PM - Social Justice - Bradford Room
- Thursday, October 1**
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice
- Sunday, October 4**
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
5:00 PM - Chi Rho and CYF Youth Groups

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



Stewardship Sunday
Love in Action
1 John 4:7-21
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

September 27, 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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