

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)	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee For the Beauty of the Earth Kristen Fowler, piano	arr. Cindy Berry arr. Phillip Keveren
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Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Today is a day worth shouting about!
People: Today is a gift from God for us to share.

Leader: We come to this place to hear from God.
People: This is the moment for our faithful response.

Leader: Praise God for all of God’s goodness.
People: Praise God for the love that enriches our lives.

Leader: We are here to claim our identity as children of God.
People: We are here to become once again the body of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN 5	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	AZMON
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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Wesley Reams

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalms 31:1-8	First Testament, pg. 505
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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	O Lord Most Holy Gayle and Doug Hutcherson	César Franck
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Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READING	Philippians 2:1-11	Second Testament, pg. 197
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SERMON	From Opposition to Opportunity!	Dr. Denise Bell
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HYMN 408	Come, Share the Lord	DIVERNON
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**Please stand as you are able.*

Responding to God’s Word

MOMENT FOR MISSION	Christmount Conference Center Rev. Dr. Betsy Goehrig
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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) (10:45)	How Beautiful Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing	arr. Lloyd Larson Lopez arr. Raymond Haan
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*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.
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP
(8:30) Wayfarin’ Stranger arr. Michael Larkin
(10:45) Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Charles Callahan
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 442	We Are Walking	SIYAHAMBA
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*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE	Amen
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POSTLUDE (8:30) (10:45)	Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing	arr. Cindy Berry arr. Dale Wood
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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!



DR. DENISE BELL PREACHING TODAY

We are honored to welcome Dr. Denise Bell to the pulpit today. Dr. Bell is the Donald and Lillian Nunnelly Chair and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Leadership at Lexington Theological Seminary. Dr. Bell served as the Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia from 2014-2023. For 35 years, she served churches in a variety of roles, sharing her vivacious energy, theological wisdom, and deep love of Christ. We are excited to welcome her to Crestwood!



OPEN AND AFFIRMING BIBLE STUDY AND PANEL TODAY

Kory will lead a Bible study at 4:00 PM today in Blondell Chalice Hall reviewing the passages of scripture that reference same-sex behavior, providing a balanced view of how these passages can be interpreted in different ways. That will be followed by a panel discussion of church members who are personally impacted by this issue and why an “Open and Affirming” designation is important to them.

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our youth need some Halloween candy for our Halloween Bash on Oct. 25. If anyone is able to donate some bags of individually-wrapped candy in the bins located in the breezeway and children’s wing, it would be greatly appreciated!



THANK YOU CRESTWOOD!

Thanks to all those who came out to work on cleaning up the church grounds on Saturday, Oct. 10. The places we were able to work on before the rain look so much better now! We are grateful for your hard work!

Crestwood Christian Church Youth Groups invite you to our 2026 HALLOWEEN BASH & CHILI COOK-OFF!
Oct. 25 4:00-6:00 PM
McDonald Mission Center & Blondell Chalice Hall

Adults, bring a pot of your best chili! There is a trophy for the winner, which will be decided by our youth judges. ***All chili should be brought to Blondell Chalice Hall by 4:00 PM.*** If you want to participate in the Chili Cook-off or help with any other food items, please sign up by scanning the QR code.



Kids, wear a costume and bring a bag to collect candy and prizes! There will also be games and bouncy houses in the gym, so invite your friends and come join the fun!

Trick-or-treating will begin at approximately 5:15 PM in the Mission Center.

HYMN SING NOVEMBER 1

Join us as we sing favorite hymns together on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 4:00-5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Cindy Abernathy will accompany us, Jim Abernathy will lead the singing, and YOU will pick the hymns! Scan the QR code to register your favorite hymn or use the hymn survey you can pick up with your bulletin and drop it in the offering plate. We need to know your favorites by Oct. 25!

Large print bulletins are available upon request.



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Family of Debbie Gardner, loved ones of Ray Ware

FAMILY: Family of John W. Collins (brother of Susan Schell), family of Patricia Finger (mother of Joanne Brown), Roxie “Mamaw” Lee (grandmother of Travis Bryant)

FRIENDS: Kate Fortune (of Libby Wachtel), Terri Rowland (of Mandy Deerhake), Matthew Spoonamore (of Matt and Michelle DeLacey)

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>October Deacons</u> 8:30 John & Laura Hatfield 10:45 Susan Battles, Avery Brancato, River DeLacey, Summer Perry	<u>Liturgist</u> 10:45 Jeanette Knowles
<u>Elders</u> 8:30 Saralyn Kingsolver 10:45 Lucy Wells	
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> The B-I-B-L-E Sermon Series The Authority of the Bible 2 Timothy 3:10-16 Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

WHAT’S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD
October 18, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, October 18**
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 - Bradford Room
12:00 PM - Family Pumpkin Painting and Lunch - Blondell Chalice Hall
4:00 PM - Open and Affirming Bible Study and Panel - Blondell Chalice Hall
- Monday, October 19**
11:45 AM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford Room
6:30 PM - Book Study - Chapel
- Tuesday, October 20**
6:15 PM - DWM Deborah Circle - Bradford Room
- Wednesday, October 21**
10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Bradford Room
1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
7:00 PM - Ministry Council - Bradford Room
- Thursday, October 22**
11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00 PM - Choir Practice
- Friday, October 23**
11:30 AM - FUNCH - Blondell Chalice Hall
- Saturday, October 24**
4:30 PM - Youth Car Park

- Sunday, October 25**
8:30 AM - Worship Service
**No nursery during 8:30 service*
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - Halloween Bash and Chili Cook-Off - Blondell Chalice Hall and McDonald Mission Center

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



October 18, 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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