November 22, 2026 8:30 & 10:45 AM

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 Psalm 148 Gustav Holst

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: We give thanks for God's unending blessings.

Leader: The earth yields its produce to feed us.

People: We give thanks for the food God provides.

Leader: During this season, we cherish time spent with family and friends.

People: We give thanks for the image of God we see in each other.

Leader: Give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: We give thanks by worshipping God today and every day.

*HYMN 718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Scarlett Hobbs

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100 First Testament, pg. 552

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 Psalm 86 Gustav Holst
Kaeden Worley, tenor; Janice Eteme, soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:12-17 Second Testament, pg. 201

SERMON The B-I-B-L-E Sermon Series
How to Read the Bible Today
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 419 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

**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 Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd Webber
Anazha Santiago and Lily Perry, sopranos

*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

Andante Festivo Jean Sibelius

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 714 For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Gaelic Blessing John Rutter

POSTLUDE Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Piet Post

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The red rose on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Alexis Lail Holland

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!

ORCHESTRA

Violins
Madison Jones
Gretchen Tucker
Julie Foster
Amanda Ellerbe
Kristen Kline
Amanda Milburn
Mary Elizabeth Henton
Julie Baker
Sara Francis

Violas
Elizabeth Jones
Nancy Campbell
Dale Jones
Lauren Wright

Cellos
Rebecca Price
Holden Bitner

Bass
Sue Lucas

Harp
Carolyn Dupont

WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY - PLEASE DONATE TO THE NEST FOOD BOXES!

We've raised almost $5,000 toward our $7,000 goal! The cost is roughly $20 per box and we are looking to fill 350 boxes. Will you help us reach our goal? You can give $20 to cover the cost of one box, or donate however much you can to help show our compassion this holiday season for our brothers and sisters in need. Please label your donation "Food Boxes" so we know your gift is meant to be used towards our project. Thank you so much for helping make this wish a reality as children right here in Lexington will be blessed with a box full of food to feed their families at Christmas!

FROM ANGEL TREES TO MITTEN TREES!

Now that all our angels have been adopted, we are ready to transform our trees into winter blessings! Please bring new or gently used winter care items (hats/gloves/scarves) and place them under the trees in the narthex and children's wing. All sizes are welcome, and items will be donated to local nonprofits. Thank you for warming the hearts of our neighbors this holiday season.

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT WORKSHOP

Join us in Blondell Chalice Hall on Sunday, Nov. 29, after the second service for our intergenerational Advent Workshop. This year, we are partnering with Mad Potter to paint Christmas ornaments. Families will have the opportunity to create a "family" ornament for the tree in the narthex, and kids will decorate individual ornaments. Pieces will be ready for pick up Sunday, Dec. 13. A pizza lunch with hot cocoa bar will be served. Come join the fun - you won't want to miss it!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

It is time to order poinsettias for your loved ones or yourself! Each plant costs $15 and payment is due by Dec. 14. Call the office to place an order, email office@crestwoodchristian.org, or place your order online using the QR code. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary by Dec. 20. If you are purchasing a plant, you are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

PRIME OF LIFERS SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for Saturday, Dec. 12, for a 6:30 PM dinner at Don and Karen Blakeman's home! It will be a Christmas celebration and planning for Prime of Lifers for 2027. More info to follow! If you are not receiving Prime of Lifers' emails and would like to be on the list, please contact Kelly Hale at kelly@crestwoodchristian.org.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: **Kristen Fowler, birth of Alexis Lail Holland** (daughter of Lexy and Daniel Holland), **Vivian Lafferty, birth of Calvin Sims** (son of Tyler and Lillian Sims)

FAMILY: **Kim Gilbert** (mother of Heather Pergram), **Rebecca Sammon** (niece of Libby Wachtel), **Paul Scott** (nephew of Bill McDonald)

FRIENDS: **Emily McConathy** (of Libby Wachtel), **Libby Messer** (of Linda Ransdell), **Linda Owens** (of Kimberly Sparks), **Terri Rowland** (of Mandy Deerhake)

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

November Deacons
8:30 Kim & Laura Bryan
10:45 Lauren & Clara Deerhake, Andrew & Sarah Jefferson

Liturgists
8:30 Missy Wallace
10:45 Jay Prather

Elders
8:30 Libby Wachtel
10:45 Jay Prather

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
First Sunday of Advent
The Thrill of Hope Sermon Series
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Isaiah 11:1-9
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

What's Coming Up at Crestwood
November 22, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 22
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

*****The church office will be closed November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.*****

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:45 AM - Worship Service
12:00 PM - Intergenerational Advent Workshop - Blondell Chalice Hall
5:00 PM - Chi Rho and CYF Youth Groups - Nest Food Box Building

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Jadyn Anderson
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Jennifer Heersche
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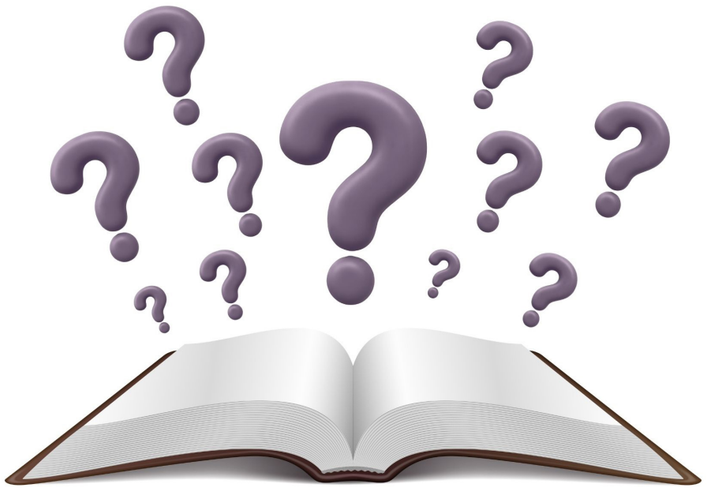
Cindy Abernathy
Pianist

Rev. Kelly Hale
Minister of Pastoral Care

Jim Cristi
Facilities Manager

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Organist

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How to Read the Bible Today

Colossians 3:12-17

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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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