



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

We gather to worship the Living God. In order to focus our hearts on this purpose, we ask that you silence all cell phones, alarm watches, and other electronic devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Chorale from Cantata No. 40
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers Wake)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen in the heights are crying: awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord, whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

GREETING

Jordan S. Conley

THE WORK & WITNESS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

If you are a guest at Crescent Hill, consider filling out one of our connection cards in the pew rack in front of you, or scanning the QR code on the back of your worship folder. We'll reach out to connect about our community, one that we'd love for you to be a part of.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God says,

All: "Do not be afraid."**"I have called you by name."****"I will be with you."**

One: God says,

All: "You are precious and honored in my sight."

One: At the beginning of this season, may we wrap ourselves in these words. May we begin again.

All: Let us worship our Holy God!*-Sanctified Art, adapted*

SONG OF HOPE

When God Is a Child

Joan Collier Fogg

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong.

And none shall be afraid.

Brian Wren, 1989 in Bring Many Names

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

The Jones Family

*GOSPEL LESSON: PEW BIBLE, 85

Luke 21:25-36

Valorie Horn

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and with your captive children dwell.
Give comfort to all exiles here,
and to the aching heart bid cheer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come within as Love to dwell.

O come, you Splendor very bright,
as joy that never yields to might.
O come, and turn all hearts to peace,
that greed and war at last shall cease.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come within as Truth to dwell.

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your presence here.
And dawn in every broken soul
as vision that can see the whole.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come within as Light to dwell.

O come, you Wisdom from on high,
from depths that hide within a sigh,
to temper knowledge with our care,
to render every act a prayer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come within as Hope to dwell.

Latin hymn, 12th century; adapt. by Kimberley Debus, 2022

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

*HYMN OF ADVENT

God's World is Changing

BUNESSAN

God's world is changing; where is it going?
Nations are raging; look at their fear!
Many are anxious, filled with foreboding;
We wait in faith, for God's reign is near.

"Look at the fig tree!" See what it's doing.
Look at the signs in heaven above.
God is at work here, building, renewing.
Some are afraid, but we know God's love.

This world is drifting, filled with distraction!
Many are wand, some fall away.
We wait n faith! We're ready for action.
We're on our guard, to greet God's new day.

What should we do, Lord, while we are waiting?
Some just sit back while troubles increase.
Others respond by fighting and hating.
We hear your call to work for your peace.

Lord, may we use each day that we're given
Helping the hungry, homeless and poor.
Then we'll be ready for what you're bringing
When Christ will come and reign evermore.

Carobyn Winfrey Gillette, 2010

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Nearer

Jordan S. Conley

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God

One: Let us praise God together

All: Let us give God thanks and praise

As we share this bread and cup, we celebrate the presence of Christ among us and proclaim together:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Beginning with those seated at the back of the sanctuary, as directed by an usher, please come down the aisle to receive the bread and the cup with open hands. After you partake of the bread and cup at the altar, then return to your seat by way of the opposite aisle. If you do not wish to come forward, please raise your hand when your row is dismissed and we will serve you.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Improvisation on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

arr. Louie Bailey

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Phyllis Skonicki

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, & OUR GIFTS

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

CHORAL OFFERING

There Is a Great Joy Coming

Buryl Red

Chancel Ensemble; Michael Smith, tenor; Louie Bailey, conductor and keyboard

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

O Source of Hope, the Giver and the Gift

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Hope, the Giver and the Gift, with glad and gen'rous hearts we now uplift
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound to share your hope with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

*ADVENT PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jordan S. Conley

One: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope.

All: And we give in hope.

One: Hope for your coming reign;

All: Hope because of your presence with us even now.

One: Receive these generous offerings,

All: And use them for your work of healing and hope in our world. Amen.

*ADVENT OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Hope, in this season of Advent, this time of waiting, we offer to you our money, our time, our energy. Accept what we offer. And use these offerings to shine the light of your peace in the dark places of our world. Amen.

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

Crescent Hill is a welcoming community of faith. We invite those seeking baptism for the first time, or those seeking to join our fellowship from another faith community to come forward during the Hymn of Response. Rather than a place of guilt, we invite you to come forward to claim your identity as the beloved of God united in beloved community. Welcome home.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 134

The King of Glory Comes

PROMISED ONE

Refrain: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him? He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. **Refrain**

In all of Galilee, in city or village, he goes among his people, curing their illness. **Refrain**

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation; he took upon himself the sin of the nation. **Refrain**

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen, and he will share with us his heavenly vision. **Refrain**

Willard F. Jabusch, 1966

*BENEDICTION

Jordan S. Conley

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

*Worshippers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

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Today's Worship Leaders

Valorie Horn, a retired English and physical science educator, has been a member of CHBC with her husband Ron since 1990. Their son Cameron lives in Carmel, Indiana, and works as a pharmacist for Amazon. Millie, their daughter, is in her first year of a pulmonary critical care fellowship at Wash U. Valorie treasures her Barnabas Sunday School class and Chancel Ensemble, while also participating in Church Council, Reading Group, and Church Clerk. If not at CHBC, you can find her walking Charleston, their Golden-Doodle or working in her yard year-round.

Corrie Hammons has been a member of Crescent Hill her whole life. She has spent several summers as a children's ministry intern, and has recently started a position at the Belle of Louisville. In her free time, Corrie enjoys playing music, reading, and playing with her border collie, Kenobi!

Phyllis Skonicki has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church for over 50 years and has served in many roles from Pre-school director, Deacon, treasurer and, everything in between. She is presently the teacher of the Agape-Harmony Sunday School Class.

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Crescent Hill is an inclusive community of faith rooted in the Baptist tradition. We're a little different than other churches. We welcome all, regardless of race, age, creed, physical abilities, marital or economic status, gender identity, or sexual orientation. No matter where this day finds you, know that you are the beloved of God & there is space for you here...welcome home.



Find our live-stream online at *Crescent Hill Baptist Church*.



At most gatherings, an American Sign Language interpreter is at the front of the Sanctuary.

Our Partners in Ministry:



Advent

Words for the Beginning



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Advent I -- Hope
(10:45 AM)



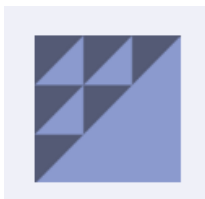
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Advent II-- Peace
Lessons and Carols
(10:45 AM)



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Advent III -- Joy
(10:45 AM)



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Advent IV -- Love
(10:45 AM)



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Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
(5:30 PM)

- *Words for the Beginning theme and graphics adapted from A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org.*

Church Council Nominations

This year, we have **five seats on the Council to fill**. After prayerful consideration, **please write down up to six names that you trust most with the future of our congregation**. In keeping with our policy, the congregation has the final say in all major matters regarding the life of the church. Nonetheless, the Church Council plays a significant role in charting our course. Active members are eligible for Church Council positions. However, ministers and church staff are not eligible, nor are their spouses. Please keep in mind the ethnic, age, and gender diversity among us.

Ballots can be found on the insert in today's bulletin. You may submit Church Council Nomination ballots by dropping them in the designated box, located in the church office, or place them in the offering plate when it is passed on Sunday morning. **Nominations are due by Sunday, December 8.**

December

8

10:45 AM

Lessons & Carols - All Singers Invited!

This year, our Annual Lessons and Carols Service will highlight Carols from the Celtic Tradition - with traditional Celtic instruments. This edition of Lessons & Carols is called "Light of Peace" and will use Irish and Scottish folk tunes with Advent and Christmas texts. Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays from 7:10pm-8:10pm**. All singers are invited and encouraged to be a part of this. See Louie Bailey, for more information.



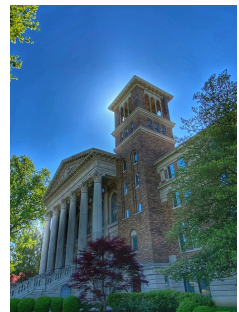
December

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6:00 PM

Final Ministry Forum

Our final Wednesday evening gathering of the year will take place on **Wednesday, December 11. We will also have our final ministry forum in the evening, at 6pm**. We ask that everyone please make an effort to attend this end-of-year meeting.



Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. **Each plant costs \$13** and donors may take them home after the Christmas Eve service. Order forms are available in the church office.

Reading Group

Our next reading group discussion will be on **January 30, 2025**. We will spend December and January reading both *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain and *James*, by Percival Everett. We will be comparing and contrasting these two books at our meeting. *James* is a retelling of the *Huckleberry Finn* story from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Join us for this unusual conversation. For more information, contact Bobbie Thomason (502)896-4149.

January

30

7:00 PM



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Join us on **Wednesday, December 4** as we enjoy Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Green beans, Cole slaw and a Dessert!

At 6pm, Chris Conver will present, *What Were They Thinking?* “The Rich and the Eye of the Needle (Mark 10:23-27)”

***Choir Rehearsals will take place at 7:15 in the Choir Room.**



Scan now to donate directly to the UCHM Christmas Connection program!



UCHM Christmas Connection

The deadline to donate to the UCHM Christmas Connection is Monday, December 9th. Currently, UCHM has over 150 children signed up and are expecting that number to increase to 200 children. Donations of \$150 per child are being requested. If unable to donate that amount, any amount helps and will go towards the program!



How to donate:

Write a check made out to UCHM for whatever amount you would like to donate. Write “Christmas Connection” on the memo line. Mail to 1) UCHM (150 S. State St. 40206) 2) CHBC or 3) Karen Scott (2825 Brownsboro Road, 40206). For questions, contact Karen Scott (502-299-5004, kls@bellsouth.net or find Karen in the nursery on Sunday mornings.) Checks need to be at UCHM by **Monday, December 9th.**

Weekly Prayer Concerns

We pray for Terry Pound; Rickey Geary-Bayman; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; June Bailey; Jerry Smith; Dr. Glenn Hinson; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Karen Scott’s brother, Jim Lane; Rickey Geary-Bayman’s friend, Monnie Farmer; Lisa Howser and Patti Speck’s stepfather, Merrill Smith; Ann Cottone’s father, John Revel; Annie Hammon’s niece; Nancy; Adrienne Eisenmenger’s grandmother, Betty Gorham; Kat Goodman’s friend, Danny Campbell; Kay Sanders’ friend, Sharon Wilson; Joyce Deboe’s friend, Phyllis; Joelle Pope; Jane Zupetz’s husband, Charlie; and, Kay Sanders’ aunt, Kakai. We pray for those in the southeast who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene. For those affected by the conflict in Palestine & Israel. We pray for our CBF Field Personnel: Rick & Ellen Burnette, Steve Clark & Annette Ellard and Scarlett Jasper. We pray for healthcare workers, as well as school personnel and students. We pray for those affected by gun violence in our city and nation.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

October 2024 Projected Budget Offerings: \$38,333

Total October Budget Offerings (includes online giving): **\$31,716**

Total October 2024 Revenue (includes online giving): **\$55,967**

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Total Amount Raised for the Offering for Global Missions: \$1,748

For Comparison:

Actual October 2023 Budget Offerings received: **\$38,766**

Total Revenue for October, 2023: **\$143,912 (includes Revis Bequest)**



We’re glad
you’re here

If you are a guest with us today and would like to let us know a little more about yourself, please take a moment to scan the QR Code.