

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS - LIGHT OF PEACE

Celtic Readings and Carols | Sunday, December 8 @ 10:45 AM

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Andrew Pomerville, bagpipes

VENI EMMANUEL

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.

SONG OF HOPE & PEACE

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.

Refrain: 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.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. **Refrain**

Brian Wren, 1989 in Bring Many Names

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Grady Throneberry & Devin Bundrent

HYMN OF CHRISTMAS 161

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Stanza 1: Brooks & Millie Lou Crosby; Stanzas 2-4: Congregation

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all.
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and low lived our Savior long ago.

But our eyes in truth should see him through his own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above.
As he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by
Shall we see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars his children, crowned, all in white, his praise will sound!

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848

BIDDING PRAYER

Jordan S. Conley

THE LORD'S PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Please see the insert provided in your bulletin

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain: O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

"Glory to God,
All glory in the highest" **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet,
we greet thee, born this morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. **Refrain**
John F. Wade, 1997

FIRST LESSON: CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Kerri Richardson-Cheng

CAROL

Noel

Karen Marroli

Noel, noel!
The angels tell the story of this night,
when Emmanuel came with us to dwell:
the Christ, the Child of Light.
He was not born in gilded halls befitting of his reign,
but rather in a lowly stall to feel our human pain.
All glory be to God on high!
We heed the angels' call, and joyfully return their cry:
Sing peace to one and all!
Noel, noel!
Their praises swell o'er hill and over sea.
O hear the bells, o'er hill and dell, that sing of jubilee!
The Lord has come to show us how iniquity might cease.
O let us be your servants now, and walk the paths of peace.

We heed the angels' call, and joyfully return their cry;
Sing peace to one and all!
Noel, noel!
O come and quell the fear of earthly care,
O teach us well, Emmanuel, to nourish and to share,
to grasp each far and distant hand and to knock down
every wall
'till peace and light reign o'er the land, and love
embraces all.
We heed the angels' call, and joyfully return their cry:
Sing peace to one and all! Sing peace to one and all.
Sing peace to one and all! Sing peace to all!

INSTRUMENTAL REFLECTION

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Andrew Pomerville, bagpipes

UN FLAMBEAU

SECOND LESSON: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Annie Hammon

CAROL

Creation Sings

Karen Marroli

O sleep, o sleep, Thou Holy Child,
the Son of God, so meek, so mild.
The donkey carried your Mother blessed,
the cow gives hay to hasten your rest,
and all Creation sings the birth of Christ,
the Savior of the earth!
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the Savior of the earth!
O sleep, o sleep, Thou Holy Child,
the Son of God, so meek, so mild,
The stars will hum a slumber tune

as oxen bow and sweet birds croon,
and all Creation sings the birth of Christ,
the Savior of the earth!
Rejoice, rejoice! This Holy Child,
the Son of God, so meek, so mild
has come that darkness now might cease!
Sing welcome to that Light of Peace!
Now all Creation sings the birth of Christ,
the Savior of the earth!

SONG OF CHRISTMAS

I Wonder as I Wander
Jennifer Diamond, soprano

Appalachian Carol
arr. John Jacob Niles

THIRD LESSON: MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST...

Devin Budent

CAROL

Peace on Earth

Karen Marroli

Peace on earth, peace on earth,
we shall know peace,
peace on earth, peace on earth,
we shall know peace,
when Christ comes to reign within us
when Christ is born in us.

Peace on earth, peace on earth,
we shall know peace,
when Christ comes to reign within us,
when Christ is born in us.
Peace on earth, peace on earth,
we shall know peace,
peace on earth, peace on earth,
we shall know peace.

*HYMN OF PEACE 170

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Edmund H. Sears, 1849, alt.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

FOURTH LESSON: LET THE LIGHT SHINE

Anne-Britton Arnett

*HYMN OF JOY 152

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song? **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see him
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**
See within in a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
Sing with us our Savior's birth **Refrain**

CAROL

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Karen Marroli

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, glorias in excelsis Deo!
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!

FIFTH LESSON: DEAR GOD, YOU ARE SO GOOD TO US...

Amy Pierce

CAROL

The Call

Karen Marroli

We greet the joy of Christmas
and the chorus the angels Sing!
Ring out a song of welcome to Christ,
the newborn King!

For present in that welcome
of the light through blissful birth
is a welcome to all people,
and the promise of peace on earth.

We feel the call of Christmas
in the message the shepherds heard.
Though they were but common people
they were chosen to greet the word.

“Oh glory! Oh glory to God! Peace on earth!”
But will we embody the promise
when the ancient song is stilled?
Forgive us, Lord, forgive us
when we look to the rich and strong
instead of the lowly stable
for the pow’r to right Earth’s wrongs.
O use us, the poor and lowly,
inspired by the song from above
to seek the lost and broken, to heal the world with love.
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OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, & OUR GIFTS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

Gregory Emanuel Rahming, bass-baritone

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

O Source of Peace, the Giver and the Gift

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Peace, 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

SIXTH LESSON: THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS...

Brent Bowden

Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL

Alleluia

Karen Marroli

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The angel song rings from on high!
The star is shining in the sky!
And all the heavens seem to cry:
“Alleluia! Alle! Alleluia!”
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From the darkness shines an endless light,
never overcome by ceaseless night,
and we greet the dawn with great delight!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The chorus falls like holy rain
and rings and echoes o’er the plain,
and creation joins the song again:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now we no more cling to doubt and fear
since the Prince of Peace has entered here,
and we greet the morning with great cheer!
Alleluia! Alle! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SEVENTH LESSON: A CELTIC CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Rick Forest

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
 with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
 veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
 pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

*BENEDICTION

In the Light of the Christmas Star...

Jordan S. Conley

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on ADESTE FIDELES

Louie Bailey

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

Thank you to all of our worship leaders for participating in our Lessons and Carols service

Today's service is made possible by a generous gift from a Crescent Hill member.

READERS

- Anne-Britton Arnett
- Brent Bowden
- Devin Bundrent
- Kerri Richardson-Cheng
- Rick Forest
- Annie Hammon
- Amy Pierce

CHOIR & SOLOISTS

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| June Bailey | Sarah Harlan |
| Dana Belden | Valorie Horn |
| Kris Brady | Gregory Rahming |
| Janet Cole | Paula Schoenhoff |
| Jennifer Diamond | Michael Smith |
| Mary Farmer | Elizabeth Weaver |
| Luke Griffin | Fran Weinstock |

MUSICIANS

- Louie Bailey**, Organ and Piano
- Israel Cuenca**, Percussion
- Jennifer Gilcreast**, Piano
- Caroline Joyner**, Violin
- Kathy Karr**, Flute

We welcome President of Louisville Seminary,
Andrew Pomerville, Bagpipes

Advent

Words for the Beginning



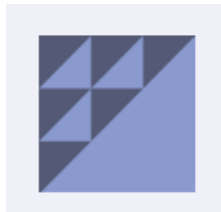
**DEC
8**

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



**DEC
15**

**Advent III -- Joy
(10:45 AM)**



**DEC
22**

**Advent IV -- Love
(10:45 AM)**



**DEC
24**

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
(5:30 PM)**

**There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
on December 29**

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

Church Council Nominations Due Today

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 today, December 8!**

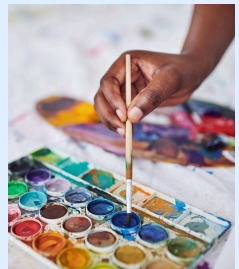
December

9

10:00 AM

Art Spirit

Calling all artists! Bring your artwork or art supplies to the Youth Room **tomorrow, December 9 at 10 AM**. Work on artistic projects either as a group or individually. Offer tips to fellow artists and maybe learn something new as well!



December

11

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. **The deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 15.**

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 11** as we enjoy Teriyaki Chicken, Vegetable fried Rice, Snap peas, Egg Rolls and a Dessert!

Ministry Forum will take place at 6pm.

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

**Wednesday, December 11
will be our FINAL Wednesday
gathering of the year!**

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



UCHM Christmas Connection - Final Day to Donate!

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!



United
Crescent Hill
Ministries



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**

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