

FOR WHEN PEOPLE ASK

I want a word that means

okay and not okay,

more than that: a word that means
devastated and stunned with joy.

I want the word that says

I feel it all all at once.

The heart is not like a songbird

singing only one note at a time,

more like a Tuvan throat singer

able to sing both a drone

and simultaneously

two or three harmonics high above it—

a sound, the Tuvans say,

that gives the impression

of wind swirling among rocks.

The heart understands swirl,

how the churning of opposite feelings

weaves through us like an insistent breeze

leads us wordlessly deeper into ourselves,

blesses us with paradox

so we might walk more openly

into this world so rife with devastation,

this world so ripe with joy.

ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 2025



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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, alarm watches, and other electronic devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

In Remembrance of Me
Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, piano

Beryl Red
CELEBRATE LIFE

GREETING

Jordan 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of new beginnings—
Where there is a need for certainty,

All: Cultivate peace in us.

One: Where there is comparison,

All: Cultivate gentleness in us.

One: Where there is fear,

All: Cultivate hope in us.

One: Where there is doubt,

All: Cultivate faith in us.

One: Where there is isolation,

All: Cultivate worship in us;

One: For in worship we draw near to you and one another.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 701

God Is Here

BEECHER

God is here! As we God's people meet
to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace,
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old;
here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out;
here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! we believe.

Fred Pratt Green, 1979

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jordan Conley

One: God of grace—

You ask us to care for the poor and the hungry, but that makes us uncomfortable. You ask us to care for the

environment, but that requires sacrifice. You ask us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that requires vulnerability. Instead, we hide our hands, avert our eyes, and choose ourselves.

All: Forgive us for holding tight to our own agendas and letting go of your call to love. Cultivate in us more faithful spirits—hearts that are strong enough to choose one another and minds smart enough to make the sacrifice.

**Forever grateful we pray,
Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING THE FIFTH LENTEN CANDLE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Family of Faith, hear the good news and believe: Our God is a God of grace and transformation. May the God of mercy, who forgives all sin, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 672

Isaiah 43:16-21

Dr. Bill Thomason

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

*HYMN OF HOPE

Lord of all Hopefulness

SLANE

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break
of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and
the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther, 1931

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Cultivating Holy Disorder

Jordan 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

One: 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Panis Angelicus

Cesar Franck

Lindy Casebier, trumpet; Louie Bailey, organ

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Melanie Claypool

THE 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 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lenten Meditation

Jean LaTour

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Beautiful Savior

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Amen.

Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

*LENTEN PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jordan S. Conley

One: Gracious God, You speak of a promised day where swords will be beaten into plowshares and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. So we offer you these gifts in hopes that they might help bring about that day.

All: Use us and use these gifts for your good. Cultivate in us more generous hearts. 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 568

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated

HENDON

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love,
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages for thee,
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King,
always, only, for my King.

Take my love; my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

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

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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.

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Holy Week

You're invited to Worship

APRIL

13

PALM SUNDAY

10:45 AM, Sanctuary

APRIL

17

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:15 PM, Sanctuary

APRIL

18

GOOD FRIDAY


3:00 PM, Chapel

APRIL

20

EASTER SUNDAY

10:45 AM, Sanctuary

A small logo featuring a stylized leaf or branch with several small orange dots, representing the Easter Eggstravaganza event.

We hope you will also join us on the front lawn for our Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 19, from 9:30am-11:30am!

Today's Worship Leaders

Lindy Casebier currently serves as the secretary of Kentucky's Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. Prior to this role, he served within the Kentucky Legislature, Commerce Cabinet. Lindy graduated from UofL with a bachelor of music education and a master of education. Lindy's passion for the arts led him to be recognized as a UofL School of Music Alumni Fellow in 2003.

Melanie Claypool was raised in Mississippi but was born in Louisville while her father was at Southern Baptist Seminary. Prior to retiring in 2022, she served as Director of Provider Services for Passport by Molina in Louisville. Together, Rowan and Melanie have three married sons, a 3-year-old granddaughter, Beatrice, and a beloved dog, Woodford. Since her retirement, she has been involved in the Leadership Louisville Encore program, working part-time for Barre 3, and participates through the Missions Response Team, teaching elementary kids, Church Council and our Sunday school class at CHBC.

Dr. Bill Thomason joined CHBC in 1965. He is a member of the Harbor Class, and has formerly chaired the Church Council, the Worship Committee, and the Johnson Lecture Series. Before his retirement, he was a book store manager, a Publisher's Rep, and Philosophy/Religion teacher. Bill has written three books and has enjoyed teaching many book studies at CHBC. He and his wife, Bobbie, love to travel, watch movies, and collect books. Bill continues to write daily.



As winter comes to a close and we celebrate the arrival of spring, we are reminded to embrace new beginnings and release anything that may be hindering our connection with ourselves and with God. Join us this Lenten season as we nurture and grow together.

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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:



April

5

1:00 PM

Art Spirit this Tuesday

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the Youth Room **Tuesday, April 8 at 9:15am**. Work on artistic projects either as a group or individually. Offer tips to fellow artists and maybe learn something new as well!



Easter Lily Orders due by Next Week!

It's time to place orders for Easter Lilies to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday! Order forms may be submitted in the offering plate or in the designated box in the church office. Checks can be made out to Crescent Hill Baptist Church with, "Easter Lily" in the memo line. Please submit payments in the offering plate on Sunday OR to Bobbe Crouch. There is also a Text-to-Give option if you wish to make a payment online. You may purchase flowers in honor, in memory or, in gratitude of a loved one or a friend. **Cost is \$23.00 each.** Flowers may be taken home following the Easter service. **All orders are due by Sunday, April 13.**



Sign Up to Volunteer for Eggstravaganza



April

19

9:30 AM

Bring the kids for some free family fun before the Frankfort Avenue Easter parade on **April 19, from 9:30am-11:30am!** Enjoy crafts, cookie decorating, face painting, a bounce house and other activities and games. Volunteers will need to arrive at 9 AM. Contact Melanie Bunger (melanie.bunger@twc.com, 435-6189) or Corrie Hammons (corriehammons@chbcky.org) if you are able to volunteer during this egg-stra special event! And stick around for the Easter parade on Frankfort Avenue!

April

24

7:00 PM



Reserve your ticket for Louisville FC's Pride Night!

Join CHBC and other faith communities in cheering on the Louisville Racing FC at Lynn Family Stadium during their 2024 Pride Night on **Friday, June 6 at 7:30 PM!** To ensure CHBC folks will sit together, we will purchase the tickets for everyone who wants to attend at the same time. That being said, **please let us know if you're interested in attending by April 27!**



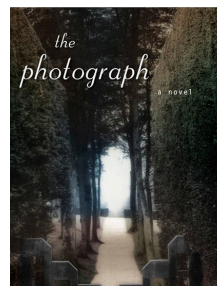
April

24

7:00 PM

Reading Group on April 24

We would love to have you join us during this month's reading group gathering as we discuss another winner of the Booker Prize, *The Photograph*, by Penelope Lively. Would you open an envelope marked DON'T OPEN-DESTROY? This unfolding novel is about secrets and how they affect the people involved. Immerse yourself in this intriguing book written by an amazing writer. **April 24, at 7:00**, in the church parlor. Contact: Bobbie Thomason, bobbijt@icloud.com for more information.



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

April 9

Menu (5 PM): Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Green Beans, Biscuits, Potato Salad and a Dessert!

Program (6 PM): Chris Conver Presents, *Streaming God: A Discussion Around the Tables about Inside Out 2*

Choir Rehearsal is at 7:15pm in the Choir Room



Youngish Adult Brunch Saturday, April 26

Join us on **Saturday, April 26 at 12 PM** for a Youngish Adult Brunch at Jordan & Patrick's home in Cherokee Triangle (2153 Baringer Avenue). This is also the weekend of the annual Cherokee Triangle Art Fair, so come by for brunch, then walk down the street to the art fair!



Congregational Listening Session & Lunch - April 27

The first Congregational Listening session with Carol Harston will be after worship, in Fellowship Hall on April 27. These conversations will focus on 5 key traits of Thriving Congregations: Compelling Clarity, Faithful Agility, Dynamic Collaboration, Holy Tenacity, and Rooted Relationships. Stay tuned for specifics about our first Listening Session. **Reserve your lunch by emailing or calling Bobbe Crouch or the church office.** You can also make a reservation and prepay via the drop-down menu on the CHBC giving page on the CHBC website. **The deadline for ordering food will be Thursday, April 24. Please RSVP for food in advance.**

Weekly Prayer Concerns

We pray for Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Phyllis Skonicki's son, Jim Mahanes; Kerri Cheng's husband, Eric; Lisa Howser and Patti Speck's stepfather, Merrill Smith; Ann Cottone's father, John Revel; Annie Hammon's niece; Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Bellinger; Adrienne Eisenmenger's grandmother, Betty Gorham; Kat Goodman's friend, Danny Campbell; Kay Sanders' friend, Sharon Wilson; and Joyce Deboe's friend, Phyllis. 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

March 2025 Projected Budget Offerings: **\$38,333**

Total March Budget Offerings: **\$26,817**

Budgeted 2025 YTD Offerings: \$460,000 (**Still need: \$379,129**)

Total March 2025 Revenue: **\$43,114**

For Comparison:

March 2024 Projected Budget Offerings: **\$38,333**

Total Revenue for March 2024: **\$61,310**

**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.

