



*THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE*

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 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

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Shaker Song
arr. Louie Bailey

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together to worship God.

All: We gather together to share a holy meal.

One: We gather around this table, where Christ has invited us all. You've got a place at this table.

All: We all have a place at this table.

One: We will find our home,

All: With God, together.

One: So welcome to worship. Welcome to the table.

All: Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 562

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

DIX

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph over shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear!

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief:
more and more yourself display,
shining to the perfect day!

Charles Wesley, 1740, alt.

Dark and cheerless is the dawn
till your glories shine on me;
joyless is the day's return
till your mercy's beams I see:
as they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: PEW BIBLE, 127

Acts 9:1-20

Valorie Horn

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The

Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

CHORAL REFLECTION

Christ Is Risen!

Polish Carol

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

arr. Carlton Young

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning,
see what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna, every one!

Brian Wren, 1986

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION 536

Open Our Eyes, Lord

OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

Robert Cull, 1976; arr. David Allen, 1976

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jordan Conley

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

When I Can Read My Title Clear

PISGAH

Kentucky Harmony, arr. Louie Bailey

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, & OUR GIFTS

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

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

All Praise to God, Eternal One

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All praise to God, Eternal One, and praise to Christ, Redeeming Son, Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise to the Spirit, ever near, Great Three in One, be with us here, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen. *Louie Bailey, 2000*

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Defining Moments

Grady Throneberry

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jordan Conley

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

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

Kentucky Harmony, arr. Louie Bailey

*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 502

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITIAN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun

John Newton, 1779, alt; st. 5, anonymous.

BENEDICTION

Grady Throneberry

POSTLUDE

Kentucky 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- 9:15 Coffee (Birchwood Lobby)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- Harbor Class (Second Floor)
 - Unlikely Saints Class (Room 211)
 - Agape Harmony Class (Parlor)
 - Barnabas Class (Library)
 - Inspire Class (4:30pm, homes of class members)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 Church Council (Library)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, MAY 5

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Guided Prayer
- Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 5:30 Parent's Night Out (Fellowship Hall)

Thank you for Giving

Your gifts are making a difference in our church and our world. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially to Crescent Hill. We appreciate your generosity. Get started or manage your giving at chbcky.org/give.



EASY. QUICK. SECURE.

Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution now.



ONLINE.

Schedule a recurring or one time gift charged to your debit or credit card. Get started at chhcky.org/give.



DONATE STOCKS.

Contact Bobbe Crouch in the church office to explore these options confidentially.



AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.

Log in at your bank's website and follow instructions to set up Crescent Hill Baptist Church as a new payee. The financial institution will send the church a check.



MAIL.

Send to Financial Secretary, Bobbe Crouch. Be sure to specify if your check is intended for the Unified Budget or another purpose.



TEXT.

Text "GIVE" to 502.237.7312 and follow the prompts.



FROM YOUR IRA.

For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a huge financial benefit. Reach out to Bobbe Crouch to learn how this could reduce your future tax burden and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution.

Today's Worship Leaders

Grady Throneberry was a local police chief for 16 years. He also served as a bi-vocational associate pastor and earned a PhD in pastoral ministry. Grady and his husband, Devin, live in St. Matthews with their dog Reagan, enjoy a variety of arts events and venues, big screen movies, reading and travel. Grady writes regularly and is currently working on a second book.

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 involved in her pulmonary critical care fellowship at Wash U. Valorie treasures her Barnabas Sunday School class and Chancel Ensemble, while also participating in Reading Group and the Gifts Affirmation Team. If not at CHBC, you can find her walking Charleston, their Golden-Doodle or working in her yard year-round.

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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:



Today

The monthly Church Council Meeting will take place today, after worship in the Library.

May

10

5:30 PM

Parent's Night Out - Pajama Party Edition!

Need a night to relax? We've got you covered! Drop your kids off in their coziest pajamas for an evening of fun, food, and friends. We'll have games, activities, and dinner provided—so all you need to worry about is how you'll spend your quiet night off!



If you missed the first Congregational Listening session with Carol Harston, or you have more information you wish to share with Carol, please do so by scanning the QR Code



Please make plans to attend future listening sessions on the following Sundays after worship:

May

18

June

1

June

8

August

10

May

25

Help Wanted on Sundays! Starting May 25

This paid position will include opening and closing the church building on Sundays. Other hours may be available!

If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, contact Operations Manager, Ann Cottone (ann@chbcky.org).



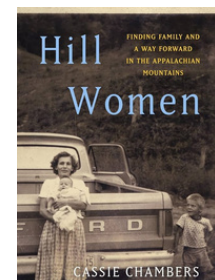
May

29

7:00 PM

Reading Group - May 29

The memoir, *Hill Women*, by Kentucky State Senator Cassie Chambers Armstrong, is a gritty, warm love letter to the Appalachian communities where she grew up, and the resourceful women who lead them. She tells her story with gratitude and pride. Join us on **Thursday, May 29, at 7:00** in the parlor, as we celebrate strong Appalachian women such as Jordan's Mamaw. We hope to see you there! Bobbie Thomason



The Building Team Needs Your Help!

The Building Team has been doing some Spring cleaning! We have cleared over 20 bags and boxes of clutter, but need help with more. We are renting a large dumpster for one week, starting June 21. We aim to clear items on Saturday-Monday (only church items, no personal belongings). **Please mark June 21 for our D-DAY Declutter/Dumpster Day.**

Additionally, we're starting the revitalization of Heritage Hall, discovering oak hardwood floors beneath the worn carpet. For more details, please contact Carolyn Fegenbush (crfegenbush@att.net).

WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

May 7

Menu (5 PM): Pulled Pork Sliders, Mashed sweet potatoes, Asparagus, Red cabbage slaw and a Dessert!

Program (6 PM): Guided Prayer

Choir Rehearsal will take place at 7:15 in the Choir Room



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in June

This year, CBF General Assembly will take place in St. Louis, Missouri from June 24-26. The CHBC Thriving Congregations team is attending and we would love for others from our church to join us on the short drive to St. Louis! Registration is now open! On-site registration will also be available in St. Louis beginning on June 24.



Register here: <https://cbf.swoogo.com/assembly/begin>

Weekly Prayer Concerns

We extend Christian Sympathy to Joyce Stines and her family upon the passing of her sister-in-law, Susie Johnston. We pray for Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, 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

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

Total April Budget Offerings: **\$30,096**

Budgeted 2025 YTD Offerings: **\$460,000 (Still need: \$349,033)**

Total April 2025 Revenue: **\$63,095 (includes sale of van: \$17,000)**

For Comparison:

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

Total Revenue for April 2024: **\$57,543**

**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.

