



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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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

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

arr. Louie Bailey

*This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating, with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
-Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness, 1934*

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.

INVOCATION

Todd Weber

*HYMN OF PRAISE 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDA

Lindy Casebier, trumpet

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us -
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Harry E. Fosdick, 1930, alt.

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 336 2 Kings 5:1-14

Bobbie Thomason

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his

clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

*HYMN OF GRATITUDE 45

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy praise;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name – I'm fixed upon it,
name of God's redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor daily
I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the throne of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Bill Thomason

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.

CHORAL REFLECTION

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.
God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways
of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
Surely your kindness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

-Based on Psalm 23

*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY *Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory Be to God on High* ODE TO JOY
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high! Alleluia to the Savior who has gained victory! Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity! Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty! Amen.

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *Wash & Be Clean* 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. If you do not wish to come forward, please raise your hand when your row is dismissed and we will serve you.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Prayer of St. Gregory* Alan Hovhaness
Lindy Casebier, trumpet; Louie Bailey, organ

*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	<i>Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound</i>	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.	Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.	
"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!	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	
The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.	<i>John Newton, 1779, alt; st. 5, anonymous.</i>	

BENEDICTION Jordan Conley

POSTLUDE *God of Grace* CWM RHONDA
arr. Paul Manz & 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.
- Listening devices are available for use. Please see an usher or a member of our Tech Team for assistance. Our Technology Team members are: Chris Jones, Eileen Bartlett, John Arnett, & Darrell Adams.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 6

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)

5:00 Divorce Recovery

TUESDAY, JULY 8

9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)

THURSDAY, JULY 10

5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage 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

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.

Bobbie Thomason has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church since 1965. She was a music assistant for years before becoming the organist here, at CHBC. Bobbie has also worked with the children over the years. Her main career was teaching first grade. She loved teaching children to read! Bobbie leads the Crescent Hill Baptist Church Reading Group and is a member of the Memorial Team. She and her husband, Bill, love to travel, watch movies, and collect books.

Todd Weber was born and raised here in Louisville. He graduated from Atherton High School, UofL, and the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 2020. Todd is a chaplain in the Kentucky Army National Guard and at Hosparus Health. Todd loves to be outside on a run, hike, or on the water. Also GO CARDS! (Looking at you Rev. Conley)

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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:



Thank
you!

Thank you to all who helped to make the Father's Day Auction a success! Thank you for donating items, taking care of publicity, helping with setup and take down, logistics during the event and bidding! There was such a wonderful variety of items and after some lively bidding, **together we raised \$1,235 for Kentucky Refugee Ministries.** This donation will provide assistance to refugees in need.



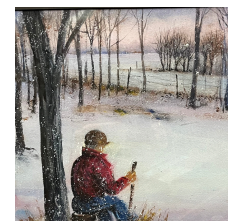
July

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9:15 AM

Art Spirit - Tuesday

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the Youth Room Tuesday, **July 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!



Heritage Hall Renovation

The Church Council and Finance Teams have approved 2/3 of the cost of the Heritage Hall renovation project using the building capital improvement fund. The remaining cost of this project (approximately \$4K) will be raised with donations from the congregation. **If you would like to contribute, you may use the drop-down menu from the CHBC website or by write a check with "Heritage Hall Renovation" in the memo line.** For the Building team, please contact Margaret McCollum 502-5419790 (call or text).

RSVP by
July
26

Audit Classes at BSK

Want to learn without all the homework? Now is your chance! Audit a course through BSK with classes such as: **Pastoral Care to Diverse Communities; Black and Womanist Theology; Psalms in the Life of the Church; Religion and Social Justice; and more!** Contact Abby Sizemore (abby.sizemore@bsk.edu) by **July 26** if you are interested in participating. Classes begin August 25.



July Church Council & Personnel Meeting - Next Week

The Church Council & Personnel team will both have their monthly meeting on Sunday, July 13. Church Council will meet in the Library and Personnel will meet in the Parlor.

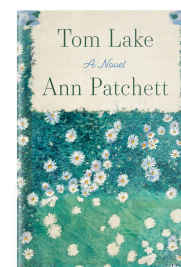
UCHM Shoe Donation

United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) is collecting shoes to fund its programs, including a food pantry, children's activities, and assistance with bills. Donated shoes will be sent globally through Funds2Orgs.com, where they help create small businesses by selling your donations. UCHM seeks a large quantity of new or gently used shoes, with some scuffing acceptable, but tennis shoes must have treads, and shoes with holes or thrift-store shoes will not be accepted. **If you are interested in helping and donating towards this project, please contact UCHM, (150 State St, Louisville, KY 40206, (502) 893-0346)**



Reading Group - July 31

You are invited to join our reading group at **7:00PM, on July 31**, for our discussion of the novel, *Tom Lake*, Ann Patchett's most recent book. This book tells the story of a long marriage as we join this loving family in their cherry orchard during the time of Covid quarantine. If you haven't seen the play, *Our Town*, by Thornton Wilder in a while, you may want to read or review it before reading this novel, as there is a connection. Contact: Bobbie Thomason for more information: bobbijt@icloud.com.



July

31

7:00 PM



Parking for the St. Joe's picnic is a church-wide effort, and funds raised will be contributed to the general fund to support the missions and ministries of the church. Volunteers are needed to direct cars on where to park, collect money, and monitor empty spots in the church parking lots.

Your participation will mean so much to this effort. 5-6 volunteers are needed for each shift:

- **Friday August 8th: 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8-10pm**
- **Saturday August 9th: 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8-10pm.**

Sign up for 1 or 2 slots or whatever time fits your schedule.

Additionally, we need:

- Shift lead for each time slot to help with coordination and questions
- Point person for each day that could work at least one shift and could be contacted during the day
- A person for Friday and Saturday with a truck or SUV that can help bring the items from the church to the two parking lots
- A person for Friday and Saturday who can take the items back to the church at the end of the night

Please contact Melanie Bunger (502-435-6189), melanie.bunger@twc.com if you can help. Come join the fun!

Ministry Team Meeting? Help Spread the Word!

Our ministry teams help us carry out the ministries of CHBC. Help us spread the word about your team's good work! If your ministry team is meeting in person or via Zoom, please contact Communications Specialist, Lillian Gordon (lillian@chbcky.org) a few weeks in advance so we can make sure your meeting is publicized in our Friday Flyer and the Sunday worship folder.



Weekly Prayer Concerns

We pray for Dwayne Howell; Blake Ragsdell; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehoccky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Kat Goodman's friend, Danny Campbell and Cody Hill; Bobbe Crouch's cousin's grandson, Francis Roy Lilly; Lisa Howser and Patti Speck's stepfather, Merrill Smith; Ann Cottone's father and brother, John Revel and Johnny Revel; Annie Hammon's niece, Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Bellinger; Betty Gorham; 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

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

Total June Budget Offerings (through 06-29 includes online giving): **\$44,528**

Budgeted 2025 YTD Offerings: \$460,000 (**Still need: \$279,859**)

Total June 2025 Revenue (through 06-29-includes online giving): **\$47,051**

***Total proceeds from Father's Day Auction to be donated to KRM: \$1,235**

For Comparison:

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

Total Revenue for June 2024: **\$39,586**

**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.

