



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

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX
arr. Louie Bailey

GREETING

Melanie Claypool

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDA

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, 30

Genesis 32:22-31

Pat Scott

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

At this time, all children are invited to meet their teachers for class at the back of the Sanctuary.

WHY WE GIVE: REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

Rowan Claypool

Congregational Choir; Louie Bailey, conductor & keyboard

Stanza 1: Higher Voices:

In the bulb there is a flower;
 in the seed, an apple tree;
 in cocoons, a hidden promise:
 butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter
 there's a spring that waits to be,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

Stanza 2: Lower Voices:

There's a song in every silence,
 seeking word and melody;
 there's a dawn in every darkness,
 bringing hope to you and me.
 From the past will come the future;
 what it holds, a mystery,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

All Voices:

In our end is our beginning;
 in our time, infinity;
 in our doubt there is believing;
 in our life, eternity.
 In our death, a resurrection;
 at the last, a victory,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

Natalie Sleeth, 1986

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Grady Throneberry

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

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2
 Louie Bailey, piano

Johannes Brahms

*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.

*HYMN OF ASPIRATION

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
 and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain: Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
 so much to be consoled as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
 Where there is darkness, only light;
 and where there's sadness, ever joy. **Refrain.**

Make me a channel of your peace.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 In giving of ourselves that we receive,
 and in dying that we're born to eternal life. **Refrain.**

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Living, Limping & Loving

Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson

*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 353

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of night,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking
sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the Church that evermore lifteth
holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace and earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

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

*The flowers are given today by Pat Scott's family in honor and celebration of her 95th birthday,
and lifelong membership of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.*

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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, OCTOBER 19

Food Pantry Collection Day

- 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)
- 1:30 Moms Demand Action Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery
Pickleball (Gym)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 12:00 Game Day (Parlor)
- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Program (Fellowship Hall)
Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Quarterly Teams Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)
- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 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 Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett 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 Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett. 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 Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett to learn how this could reduce your future tax burden and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution.

A Message from the Stewardship Team

Last Sunday in our call to worship we responded, "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." Amelia Debusman, in her reflections on Generosity said that "We all need each other." She related how she as a child learned responsibility and commitment and those values have continued through her adult life. Let us learn from our call to worship and Amelia's message and give thanks to our creator and to be mindful of one another in caring and generosity.

Total Amount Pledged for 2026: \$20,490 (Total Pledges received: 6)

Today's Worship Leaders

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, Melanie and Rowan have three 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.

Rowan Claypool has been a member of CHBC almost his entire life. Professionally, he is a social entrepreneur focused on attracting both college aged students and recent college graduates to Louisville to address the "brain drain." He founded Teach Kentucky which has recruited 479 teachers to public education in greater Louisville over the last 22 years. He is married to Melanie Claypool. They have three adult sons who are married and one grand-daughter.

Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson is the Executive Director of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists (AWAB). Brian is an ordained American Baptist minister who has served three congregations over 25 years. Brian has worked with AWAB's Board and Staff since 2019 before beginning as full-time Executive Director in 2024. Outside of his ministry responsibilities, Brian loves traveling and spending time with his three children.

Pat Scott began her life-story with Crescent Hill Baptist Church as an infant in October of 1930. In her own words, she says, "That's a time-line too long to list, within this space, the details of our shared life together, other than to offer thanks to our God and to this church for lessons and blessings far deeper than words."

Grady Throneberry was a local police chief for 16 years until he recently retired. 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.

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:



October

20

12:00 PM

Game Day

Roll the dice and practice your poker face for this month's game day! Be sure to bring your lunch and your favorite games to the Parlor **tomorrow, October 20 at 12PM** to play among friends and risk it all!



Message from the Social Justice Team Safe-Surrender Gun Event

Lynnhurst United Church of Christ will be hosting a firearm safe-surrender event on **Sunday, November 9 from 2-4pm**. If you have any unwanted guns, bring them to the event - unloaded and in the rear of your vehicle. Guns will be removed from your vehicle and serial numbers will be recorded. The disabling and reconstruction of gun materials will be forged into tools, art, or jewelry at a later date. **For more information, contact guns2gardenslouisville@gmail.com.**



November

9

2:00 PM

Advent Devotional Books 2025

Would you like to contribute to our 2025 Advent book? The CHBC Writers Group will be posting the theme and specific requests at a later date. However, if you are a thoughtful or creative type, please consider contributing about 3-5 paragraphs. Reach out with questions, suggestions, and submissions at Blake.Ragsdell@gmail.com or Victoria.Ragsdell@gmail.com.



Christmas Boxes to Support Eastern Kentucky

The holidays are fast approaching! It is time to begin preparing for Scarlett Jasper's annual Christmas box drive to support those in need in Eastern Kentucky.

Boxes will be available for pickup to buy for K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders - boy or girl **in the Birchwood lobby October 12-31. Filled boxes need to be returned no later than November 2.** Filled boxes can be left in the storage room next to the library.

Scan Here
for more
Information



October

26

12:00 PM

Amelia Orr Debusman's 90th Birthday Celebration!

Please join us for a 90th birthday celebration for Amelia Orr Debusman on **Sunday, October 26 in Fellowship Hall**. Drop by anytime from 12PM-3PM. Please no gifts - your well wishes and company are more than enough!



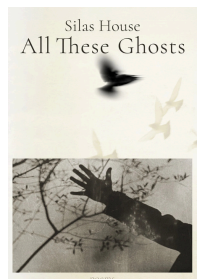
October

30

7:00 PM

Reading Group - October 30

In October our Reading Group will be meeting to enjoy *All These Ghosts*, a book of poetry written by Silas House, former Poet Laureate of Kentucky. We'll be sharing some of our favorite poems and passages from his timely and poignant collection. Everyone is invited to join us on at **7:00PM on Thursday, October 30**, in the church parlor. Contact: Bobbie Thomason (bobbijt@icloud.com)



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

October 22

Menu (5 PM): Choose between Chicken Divan or Baked Ziti with Bolognese Sauce.

Program (6 PM): TBD

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

Please RSVP to the [Church Office](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org)
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, October 20 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10

Interim Director or Minister of Music

The Personnel Team is in the process of seeking a replacement for Louie Bailey in January 2026. An initial list of potential candidates was developed by Louie and Jordan as well as a modified job description detailing the role, responsibilities and qualifications. This is an interim position, and **a formal search team will be established in 2026**, allowing time for the congregation to have input and help in the direction of our music ministry.



We have three people willing to help screen and review candidates: Carolyn Fegenbush (personnel lead), Bobbie Thomason (musician) and Michael Smith (vocalist and choir member). It would be good to have additional interested people from the congregation. **If you would like to join this search team, please contact Carolyn Fegenbush (502-338-0920 or crfegenbush @att.net).**

Thank you for Adopting the Little Free Pantry in October!



While the sponsoring groups take the responsibility for stocking the pantry twice a week, the food collections every third Sunday help supplement their efforts! **If you have a group or team that is interested in adopting and stocking the Little Free Pantry for a month, please contact a member of the Missions Response Team!**

Weekly Prayer Concerns

If you have a care need or prayer request that you would like the church to remember, please contact the Congregational Care Team at (502) 882-0992, congregationalcare@chbcky.org.

We pray for Carolyn Seiffertt; Corinne Holt; Mera Kathryn Corlett; Donnie Murphy; Blake Ragsdell; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Janet Hook's mother, Betty Chesser; Kerri Richardson-Cheng's friend, Jennifer Toll; Rhonda Gilliland's brother, Steve; Anna Bowden's sister, Cassie Hyde; Kat Goodman's friends, Danny Campbell, Cody Hill and Miss Kay; Ann Cottone's father and brother, John Revel and Johnny Revel; Annie Hammon's niece, Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Belling; 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.

**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.

