



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
REFORMATION SUNDAY
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 26, 2025**



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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10:45 AM

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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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Original Version)

EIN' FESTE BURG

Martin Luther

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing,
our present help amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
with craft and power great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
but there is one who takes our side,
the One of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, sets us free!
With mighty power to save,
victorious over the grave;
Christ will prevail triumphant.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of evil grim,
we tremble not for them;
their rage we can endure,
for lo, their doom is sure:
one little word shall fell them.

That word beyond all earthly powers
Forever is abiding;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth shall triumph still;
God's reign ensures forever.

*Martin Luther, 1529. Transl. Frederick Hedge,
1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981*

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER: PEW BIBLE, 543

Psalm 84:1-7

Arnold Hook

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. *Selah* Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

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

O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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

Todd Weber

MUSICAL REFLECTION

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Allen Pote

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

God is our refuge and strength;
a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam,
we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God,
God is in the midst of the people,
in all the earth.

God is the Word,
we are God's hands, God will lead us.
God is the air,
we are the song,
we will celebrate God's presence
all the day long.

God is the rain, we are the stones,
God will cleanse us.
God is the air, we are the song,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Margaret Graves

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

Stay Gentle

Brandi Carlile, Phil Hanseroth & Tim Hanseroth

Elizabeth Weaver, soprano & guitar

Stay gentle, keep the eyes of a child
Don't harden your heart or your hands
Know to find joy in the darkness is wise
Although they will think you don't understand
Don't let the world make you callous
Be ready to laugh
No one's forgotten about us
There is light on your path
Stay gentle, keep the eyes of a child
And wear your heart on your sleeve
Know to find joy in the darkness is wise
Although they will think you are naive

Don't let 'em lower your shoulders
Love 'em more while they try
Grow younger while you're growin' older
Be amazed by the sky
Darling, stay wild if you can (if you can)
The girl with the world in her hands (in her hands)
The kingdom of Heaven belongs to a boy
While his worry belongs to a man
Stay gentle, stay gentle
The most powerful thing you can do
Oh, gentle, unbreakable you

*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 ASSURANCE 612 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in the excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled?
“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”
“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”
“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”
“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!” Amen.
J. Benjamin Smith, 1981

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *What My Heart Wants to Tell* Jordan Conley

*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 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *Refrain*
Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

BENEDICTION Jordan Conley

POSTLUDE *Morning Reflections* Louie Bailey

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

*The flowers are given today by Annie Hammon and her family, in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of
Annie Hammon & the late Chris Hammon.*

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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 26

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 Amelia Debusman's Birthday
Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

5:00 Divorce Recovery
Pickleball (Gym)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Ministry Forum (Fellowship Hall)
Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)

7:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

7:00 Reading Group (Parlor)

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 - October 26

Last Sunday, Rowan Claypool, in his reflections on Generosity, announced with a bell ringing, our invitation to this special place, CHBC. He challenged us to invest in the future with our resources; a future that we will shape together. Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson added to Rowan's message in his sermon. He reminded us that time goes by so quickly and that there is more that we can do together than alone. Let us therefore use our time wisely and fervently during this Stewardship season. Thank you for your generosity!

Total Amount Pledged for 2026: \$94,590 (Total Pledges received: 14)

Today's Worship Leaders

Margaret Graves and her husband, David have been longtime members of CHBC. She enjoys reading, connecting with new and old friends (especially around tables for meals and conversation), and also enjoys her time as a teacher in the Preschool Area on Sundays.

Arnold Hook has been an active member of CHBC for about the past 15 years. He currently serves on the Finance Committee and as Assistant Treasurer. He worked as a Statistician/Data Analyst for 20 years in healthcare and another 15 years in Higher Education. He is married to Janet Hook. Currently retired, he now spends time with grandchildren and pursues activities like flying (as a private pilot), playing golf, and working on his model railroad (still plays with trains).

Elizabeth Weaver has been a member of CHBC since 2014. She attends the Reading Group and is a part of the choir and Church Council. She grew up in Southern Illinois, near St. Louis, and moved to Kentucky in 2006, when she started grad school at UK, where she met her husband, Dennis. She works as a mathematical copy editor, and in her spare time enjoys learning to play the guitar, reading, and traveling.

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)

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:



Bylaws Change from Co-Pastor to Pastor

Upon recommendation of the Personnel team and Church Council, CHBC will vote to remove the term “co-pastor” from our by-laws, replacing it with “pastor” at a special called business session after worship, Nov. 23, 2025. This action is based on the facts that this position is not reflective of our current staffing model nor is this position budgeted. The hardcopy redlined by-laws which will be voted on to change, as well as the updated Covenant Pastor agreement for review will be available in the church office for your review. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Claypool, Church Council Chair or Bob Picken, Personnel Chair.

October

26

12:00 PM

Amelia Orr Debusman's 90th Birthday Celebration!

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



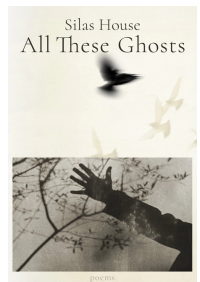
October

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)



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



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



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

October 29

Menu (5 PM): Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Pumpkin Loaf, Texas Sheet Cake and Coconut Cake for Dessert.

Program (6 PM): Ministry Forum

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

Please make or cancel reservations
to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, October 27 @ 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](mailto: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; 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 friend, Danny Campbell; Ann Cottone's father and brother, John Revel and Johnny Revel; Annie Hammon's niece, Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Bellinger; 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.

