



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 16, 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE  
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.**

INVOCATION

Brian Williams

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 45

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Lindy Casebier, trumpet

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.

LESSON FROM THE FIRST TESTAMENT: PEW BIBLE, 696

Isaiah 65:17-25

Phyllis Skonicki

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the

lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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.*

#### CHORAL REFLECTION

#### Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Festival Choir; Gregory Emanuel Rahming, solo & conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

Lord, I will lift  
Mine eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help  
Is coming from You.  
Your peace you give me,  
In time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to You.  
Amen, amen, amen.

You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jason Crosby

#### 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

#### *If I Can Help Somebody*

Anna V. Androzza

Gregory Emmanuel Rahming, bass-baritone; Louie Bailey, piano

#### \*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 DISCIPLESHIP 498

#### *I Love to Tell the Story*

#### HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

#### **Refrain:**

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully  
sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own Holy  
Word. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new  
song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

#### **Refrain**

*A. Catherine Hankey, 1866*

#### WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

#### *Til God's Harbor Is Our Home*

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.

\*THE CRESCENT HILL HYMN

*We, O God, Unite Our Voices*

HYFRYDOL

We, O God, unite our voices,  
raised in thankful praise to Thee.  
Thou, unchanging, safe hath brought us  
through the ever-changing sea.  
Days of calm and days of conflict,  
nights of darkness prove Thy grace.  
Hands beneath us, arms around us,  
and above, Thy shining face.

Praise for saints whose love has stirred us,  
friends who taught our hearts to sing,  
From their laughter, love, and anguish,  
hope will never cease to ring.  
Mercy met us in their faces,  
glory, in their faithfulness.  
As they lit the way before us,  
so may we the future bless.

Seeing then the task before us  
bind our hearts and hands as one.  
May our labor be in union,  
our resolve and Thine be one.  
With one spirit let us labor  
toward the bright horizon far.  
In the midst of tempest peril  
be Thy cross our guiding star.

Not our choice the wind's direction,  
unforeseen the calm or gale.  
Thy great ocean swells before us,  
and our ship seems small and frail.  
Fierce and gleaming is Thy myst'ry  
drawing us to shores unknown;  
Plunge us on with hope and courage  
'til Thy Harbor is our home!

*Grady Nutt and Paul Duke, 1981;*

*Stanza 2, Paul Duke, 2008*

LITANY OF APPRECIATION & BLESSING

Melanie Claypool

Leader: Today we gather with hearts full of gratitude for the ministry of Jordan Conley with Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

**People: We thank God for his faithful service, his words of Biblical hope and inspiration, and his compassionate heart.**

Leader: He has walked with us in times of joy and sorrow, guiding us in faith and love.

**People: We will miss his presence, his wisdom, and his spirit among us.**

Leader: Though we are saddened by his departure, we rejoice that God is calling him to new service and ministry at Celebration Community Church.

**People: We bless him as he follows where the Spirit leads.**

Leader: May the seeds he has planted here continue to grow and bear fruit.

**People: And may God go before him, preparing the way in his new ministry.**

Leader: Jordan, we send you forward with our love and prayers.

People: Go with our blessing, our sincere gratitude, and our deep affection.

**All together: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

BENEDICTION

Jordan Conley

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.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

### 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)
- 12:00 Reception for Jordan Conley (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30 Moms Demand Action Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery Pickleball (Gym)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Bill Thomason Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
- Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)
- 7:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 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](http://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](http://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.



# 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 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.

**Jason Crosby** is beginning his fourth year as Chaplain at Centre College, his and Kate's alma mater. He serves on the Crusade for Children and Kentucky Refugee Ministries Boards of Directors. He also spends an extraordinary amount of time driving Brooks, Millie Lou, and friends to school and extracurricular activities.

**Gregory Emanuel Rahming** has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church since 2011. He has served as Vocal Instructor at Sacred Heart School for the Arts, Vocal Professor at Simmons College of Kentucky and is currently the Vocal Instructor at Kentucky Country Day. He is the Co-Founder/Artistic Director of The Mari-Ella Academy of Vocal Arts, and the Founder/Artistic Director of local singing group "2ND CHANCE".

**Phyllis Skonicki** has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church for over 50 years and has served in many roles from Pre-school director, Deacon, treasurer and, everything in between. She is presently the teacher of the Agape-Harmony Sunday School Class.

**Brian Williams** has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church with his husband, Greg for over 30 years and he has served in many areas of the church. His professional career covered 30 years in the healthcare industry. In retirement he enjoys cooking, and collecting antique samplers, bibles, and prayer books.

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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:



November

16

12:00 PM

## Reception for Jordan Conley - After Worship

Immediately following the church service, we will gather for a reception in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Jordan and Patrick's years of ministry with us. Please plan to join us for a time of fellowship, joy, and community.



## Bylaws Change - Vote November 23

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 on November 23**. 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.

Scan Here to  
Read Bylaws



## New Process for Payments and Reimbursements

A process has been developed to simplify payment requests for reimbursement and invoice payment. A new form is located in the office next to the mailboxes. Please complete it and attach supporting documentation. It should then be placed in the box labeled **PAYMENT REQUESTS FOR REVIEW**. Eileen Bartlett and Melanie Bunger will review these forms and coding them for the correct expense account/designated fund before submitting them to our Financial Secretary for payments. Note that checks are signed on Wednesday and Sundays. Please allow 2 weeks for processing. **If you have questions or suggestions, please email [treasurer@chbcky.org](mailto:treasurer@chbcky.org).**



## Decorating for Christmas and Advent

If you enjoy decorating for Advent/Christmas, here is the perfect opportunity for you! **Sunday, November 23, after the church-wide vote and Thanksgiving Potluck, folks will gather in the Sanctuary to prepare it for the Advent season.** A couple of specific needs include having a couple people willing to climb a ladder to hang wreaths on either side of the baptistry; decorating the communion table, the narthex, the doors, and Birchwood Lobby. Hopefully, we won't need more than a couple hours! Let Alice Adams or Leslie Picken know if you can participate! Or, just show up! Come make a day of it with dinner and decorating "on the grounds".



November

23

after potluck

## CHBC Thanksgiving Potluck

Join your church family after worship on **Sunday, November 23** for a church-wide potluck celebrating Thanksgiving and all we have to be thankful for. Turkey will be provided and you can help by providing a dish to share! Desserts, sides, casseroles, rolls, another main dish... test your Thanksgiving recipes before the big day! Please fill out this form: [go.chbc.live/mwzxn2d2](https://go.chbc.live/mwzxn2d2) and let us know if you're planning to come and what you'll bring! Contact a member of the Hospitality Team, or email Hilary Jones at [hhoomes@gmail.com](mailto:hhoomes@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Scan Here &  
Tell Us What  
You're Bringing



November

23

12:00 PM

# WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

**November 19**

**Menu (5 PM):** Meat Loaf, twice baked Mash Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Tossed Salad. Dessert: Pumpkin Pie and Fruit Crisp.

**Program (6 PM):** Bill Thomason Presents,  
"Movies You May Not Have Seen, But You Ought To." *Matewan*

***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](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org)) by  
**Monday, November 17 @ 4PM.**  
**Suggested Donation: \$10**

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Give Online



## United Crescent Hill Ministries Christmas Connection

United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) is seeking church sponsorships for its Christmas Connection Program. **Last year, CHBC donated \$5,635, helping 37 children in the 40206 area!** Sponsors are encouraged to contribute up to \$150 per child, enabling parents to shop for gifts. If unable to donate that amount, smaller contributions are welcome! Each family will receive a \$100 gift card and a \$50 Kroger gift per child (up to 4 children). **Donations must be received by UCHM by Friday, December 5th.**

**To donate, write a check to UCHM with "Christmas Connection" in the memo and send it to UCHM, CHBC, or Karen Scott (2825 Brownsboro Road, 40206).** For inquiries, contact Karen at 502-299-5004 or [kls3711@bellsouth.net](mailto:kls3711@bellsouth.net).

## Interim Pastor Search Committee

The Church Council appreciates all of the nominations received for the CHBC Interim Search Team. **The members of this team are as follows: Frank Woggon, Blake Ragsdell, Rhonda Gilliland, Margaret Graves, Pat Cole, Brent Bowden, & Ezekiel Hand.** We ask for your prayers for this Team and our congregation as they work to find an Interim Pastor for CHBC.

**Total Amount Pledged for 2026: \$201,810 (Total Pledges received: 28)**

## 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](mailto:congregationalcare@chbcky.org).**

### We pray for the CHBC Interim Pastor Search Committee

We pray for Tom Doyon; Madge Roberts; Marjorie Ash; Carolyn Seiffert; Corinne Holt; Donnie Murphy; Blake Ragsdell; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehigh; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Greg Robertson's aunt, Joyce Ann Robertson Berentz; Kerri Richardson-Cheng's friend, Jennifer Toll; 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.

