

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THE REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY  
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 23, 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

*For the Beauty of the Earth/We Gather Together*

DIX/KREMSER

Lindy Casebier, trumpet; Louie Bailey, organ

arr. Lindy Casebier & Louie Bailey

GREETING

Bob Fox

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.**

INTROIT

*Holy Spirit, Comforter*

Darrell Adams

Darrell Adams, guitar & vocals

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 381

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in ere  
the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, does provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple,  
come, raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take his harvest home,  
from his field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away,  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrows grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear,  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
to your final harvest home,  
gather all your people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in your presence to abide.  
Come, with all your angels,  
come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*Henry Alford, 1844, alt.*

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 9

Genesis 11:31-12:3

Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. The days of Terah were two hundred five years, and Terah died in Haran. Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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

### *A Simple Thanksgiving*

Joseph Martin

Chancel Ensemble; Kathy Karr, flute; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

based on SIMPLE GIFTS & TERRA BEATA

'Tis a gift to be simple,  
'Tis a gift to be free,  
'Tis a gift to come down  
Where we ought to be  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
we'll be in the valley of love and light.

When true simplicity is gained  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight  
'til by turning, turning we come 'round right.

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,  
all nature sings and 'round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world,

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world.  
He shines in all that's fair; in rustling grass I hear Him  
He speaks to me everywhere.

*Joseph M. Martin, 1998*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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

### *Sonata in E flat*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Kathy Karr, flute; 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 GRATITUDE 379

#### *For the Fruit of All Creation*

### AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For his gift to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that surround us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*Fred Pratt Green, 1970*

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

## WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

### *Sidetracked in Haran*

Bob Fox

### \*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

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET  
arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our parents' arms,  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Maker now be given,  
to Christ, and Spirit, too  
our help in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*Martin Rinkart, 1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858*

BENEDICTION

Bob Fox

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET  
arr. Sigfrid Kard-Elert

\*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 23

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)

1:00 Interim Pastor Search Team  
Meeting (Parlor)

5:00 Divorce Recovery  
Pickleball (Gym)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**Office Closes at Noon**

**NO Fellowship Meal or Program**

**NO Choir Rehearsal**

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Office Closed**

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**Office Closed**

# 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.

**Bob Fox will be serving CHBC throughout the remainder of the year as we enter this transitional time in our church's history.**

Bob holds an M.Div. from Southern Seminary and an MA from Vanderbilt University. He led the West Point Baptist Church to affiliate with the newly formed Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and served as a part of the group who founded the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship which would become CBF Kentucky. His wife, Janet, is a counselor with multiple advanced degrees; they have two adult children and two grandchildren. Bob enjoys reading, particularly authors like J.R.R. Tolkien and William Faulkner, and participates in basketball, running, and golf. He is a Disney fan, loves to travel, and binge-watches shows on Netflix.

**Kathy Karr** is the Principal Flutist of the grammy award winning Louisville Orchestra. For 25 years, she was the Flute Professor at the University of Louisville where she taught applied flute, flute ensemble, flute literature, flute pedagogy and played in the faculty woodwind quintet. In 2012, Kathy was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Professor Award for the University of Louisville. Kathy has also been on the faculty of the Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen, Michigan where she taught applied flute and chamber music.

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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:**





## Bylaws Change Vote - Today After Worship

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



## CHBC Thanksgiving Potluck - Today!

Join your church family after worship today 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!



## Decorating for Christmas and Advent - Today!

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 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 can participate! Or, just show up! Come make a day of it with dinner and decorating “on the grounds”.



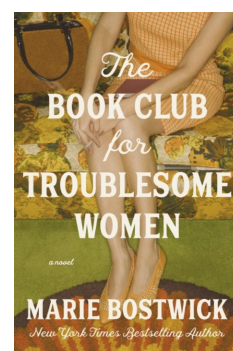
## A Message from the Social Justice Team - KRM Help

On **December 2**, members of the Social Justice Team will serve refreshments to people attending the ESL classes at KRM. We usually serve about 100 individuals. **If you would like to contribute muffins or quick breads, please, bring them to Fellowship Hall, on November 30 and mark them “KRM.”** More small plates, sugar and creamer packets will be needed to restock our supplies. If you would like donate \$5.00 toward this cost, please contact a team member. Please text or phone Betty McIntee, (502) 795-4850 if you plan to donate baked goods.



## December Reading Group

Our Reading Group will be meeting on **Thursday, December 4, at 7:00PM in the Parlor**. We will be reading, *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. Four dissatisfied sixties- era housewives form a book club turned sisterhood that will hold fast amid the turmoil of a rapidly changing world and alter the course of each of their lives. Come join us! We won't be meeting again until after the holidays, on Thursday, January 29. If you love to read, you'll love our group! Contact: Bobbie Thomason [bobbijt@icloud.com](mailto:bobbijt@icloud.com)



November  
**23**  
12:00 PM

November  
**23**  
after potluck

November  
**30**  
Deadline

December  
**4**  
7:00 PM

## CHBC Christmas Cards Collection Box

Send your Christmas Cards without worrying about postage stamps! Beginning today, **November 23**, there will be a clear plastic tote located in outside of the Sanctuary, by the piano, for the congregation to drop-off Christmas cards instead of sending them through the mail. Each Sunday, Rickey Geary-Bayman will take home, organize and distribute Christmas cards to the congregation on the following Wednesdays.



## Christmas Singers Invited for our Lessons & Carols Service!

If you love Advent and Christmas music (who doesn't?), **you are cordially invited to sing with the Chancel Choir for our Annual Service of Lessons and Carols on December 14** during Morning Worship. We will sing carols of iconic British composer John Rutter. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:30 (no rehearsal November 26) in the Choir Room and no audition is required! Direct any questions to Louie Bailey, Minister of Music/Organist.



## 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.

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Give Online



**Total Amount Pledged for 2026: \$248,890 (Total Pledges received: 34)**

## 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 Lehocky; 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.

