



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE
NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

WACHET AUF
Johann Sebastian Bach
Bob Fox

GREETING

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 HOPE

The Hope of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today to begin Advent. We gather today in the wilderness. We gather today unsure of the path but certain of our destination. We gather looking up to Your temple on the mountain rising before us. We begin our journey.

People: Lord, help us to scale the mountain together.

Leader: We look up to the temple as the world surrounds us with the distractions of violence and oppression. We look up the mountain as the world calls us to the sly attractions of consumerism and greed.

People: Lord, help us to scale the mountain together.

Leader: We look up to the temple as the world encourages us to judge and alienate each other. We look up the mountain as the world tells us to look down on those who are different from us.

People: Lord, help us to scale the mountain together.

All: Lord, help us to journey not just into Advent, but also into adventure.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 133

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Lindy Casebier, trumpet; John Arnett, trombone

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee O Israel!

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse,
free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save and give them
victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee O Israel!

3 O come, thou Dayspring,
come and cheer our spirits by thine
advent here;
and drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring the light!
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee O Israel!

4 O come, thou Key of David,
come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee O Israel!

5 O come, Desire of nations,
bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
fill all the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee O Israel!

*Latin hymn, 12th c; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; st. 5,
Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of 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.

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

Kerri Cheng, Mallory Cheng & Veronica Cheng

Reader 1: Today we light the first candle on the Advent wreath. It is the candle of hope. A reminder that in the wilderness, God leads God's people to the land of promise. Hope is what helps us put one foot in front of the other when we are not certain where we are going. The people of Israel and all of the world were waiting, are waiting in hope for God to overturn the systems of injustice in the world around us and the hardness of the hearts within us.

Reader 2: Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: A voice is calling, "Make the way ready for the Lord in the desert. Make the road in the desert straight for our God. Every valley will be lifted up and every mountain and hill will be brought down. The turns in the road will be made straight and the bad places will be made smooth. Then the shining- greatness of the Lord will be seen. All flesh together will see it, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Prayer: Lord, in this broken world restore our hope that you are at work and that we prepare, participate and shape your coming kin-dom. Help our hope to be a light in the darkness around us. Amen

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

SONG OF HOPE

When God is a Child

Joan Collier Fogg

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong.

And none shall be afraid.

DECORATING THE CHRISMONS TREE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chris Conver

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

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

arr. Hal Hopson

Comfort, comfort, O my people,
Tell of peace, Now says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak unto Jerusalem;
speak of peace that waits for them;
Tell that all their sins I cover;
tell that warfare now is over.

O make straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
See the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
All the world shall see this token,
God's own word is never broken.

Johannes Olearius; 1671. Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1872

Hark, the herald's voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey;
Now prepare for God away;
Let the valleys rise to meet him;
let the hills bow down to greet him.

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

O Source of Hope, the Giver and the Gift

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Hope, the Giver and the Gift, with glad and gen'rous hearts we now uplift
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound to share your hope with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

*HYMN OF ADVENT 539

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
the star of my life is Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Light in the Wilderness

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 134

The King of Glory Comes

PROMISED ONE

Refrain:
The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sin of the nation.

Refrain

Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. **Refrain**

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.

Refrain

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness. **Refrain**

Willard F. Jabusch, 1966

BENEDICTION

Bob Fox

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

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

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Advent

2025



**NOV
30**

ADVENT I -- HOPE (10:45 AM)

**DEC
7**

ADVENT II -- PEACE (10:45 AM)

**DEC
14**

**ADVENT III -- JOY LESSONS &
CAROLS SERVICE (10:45 AM)**

**DEC
21**

ADVENT IV -- LOVE (10:45 AM)

**DEC
21**

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE (3:00 PM)

**DEC
24**

**CANDLELIGHT
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE (5:30 PM)**

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.

Kerri Richardson Cheng grew up in Shelbyville and started attending CHBC around 2008. She has served on the Personnel committee and the Church Council. Her favorite time at CHBC was our recent "baby boom" when five of our families had six baby girls around the same time (including Kerri's second daughter)! Kerri attends with her two delightful girls, Mallory and Veronica.

Mallory Cheng is a 5th grade student at Lowe Elementary School. She is 11 years old. Mal is the daughter of Kerri and Eric Cheng and big sister to Veronica. She loves reading Harry Potter, creating art (especially drawings), cake decorating, hiking with her family at Red River Gorge, and playing with her friends in the neighborhood.

John Arnett moved to Louisville in 1945 with his parents, Leila and Wendell. He grew up in CHBC with his two sisters and, after going away to school, returned here in 1978 with Carolyn, Anne-Britton, and David to practice Internal Medicine for the next 43 years. Soon grandchildren Morgan and Logan arrived and also grew up in this church which we call home.

Chris Conner has been connected to CHBC since the 1970s. He has served on a number of committees, been a volunteer in the Youth Department, and was elected to the Trustees in 2023. Chris teaches the Harbor Sunday School class. Dr. Conner recently retired after more than a decade of service to Campbellsville University's Louisville Education Center, where he was an administrator and professor.

Gail Tucker has been a CHBC member for 10 years. She had public relations and writing jobs, and served one term as a missionary in Argentina. She also had the job of raising two amazing sons: Todd (Heather Boushey) who lives in Washington, DC and Daniel (Emily Bunker) who lives in Philadelphia. She is now "Gigi" to an adorable grandson, Bay, who was born in December in Philadelphia. She enjoys going to the YMCA, walking, talking to people and traveling. She and Dale have been married 53 years. In the past, Gail has served on the Personnel Team, Missions Response Team and as a church Trustee. Currently, she is involved in the Unlikely Saints Sunday School class.

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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:



CHBC Christmas Cards Collection Box

Send your Christmas Cards without worrying about postage stamps!

There is a clear plastic tote located 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.



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.



November
30
Deadline

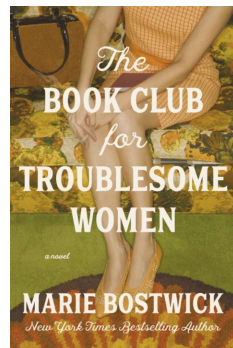
Advent Devotional Books - Now Available!

The 2025 Advent Devotional Books are now available! **We kindly request that each household takes only one copy, as our supply is limited.** Grab yours now and embrace the spirit of the Advent season!



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



December
4
7:00 PM

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 in the Choir Room and no audition is required! Direct any questions to Louie Bailey, Minister of Music/Organist.



Longest Night Service

December 21 is the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. This metaphor for darkness has been used by many churches to recognize the pain many people feel during the holiday season. In light of the many feelings we are dealing with as a congregation, all are invited to share in a special worship experience of reflection, sharing, music, silence and prayer on **December 21 at 3 PM in Heritage Hall.** Let us together experience the comfort of God and the promise of new life.



December
21
3:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

December 3

Menu (5 PM): To Be Determined

Program (6 PM): CBF Coordinator, Bob Fox will be leading the Wednesday Evening program this week.

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

Please RSVP to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, December 1 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10

In lieu of poinsettias this year, we are asking folks to contribute to the organizations we support.

December 7th:

United Crescent Hill Ministries

- Flour
- Sugar
- Cooking oil
- Spices
- Please no glass containers

December 14th:

LaCasita

- Diapers in sizes 4-6
- Pull-Ups in any size
- Feminine hygiene products

December 21st:

Little Free Pantry

- Soap
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo and conditioner

United Crescent Hill Ministries Christmas Connection Deadline: December 5

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.

Scan Here to
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**.

We pray for the CHBC Interim Pastor Search Committee

We pray for Tom Doyon; Madge Roberts; Marjorie Ash; 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, 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.

