

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
BAPTISM OF CHRIST
JANUARY 11, 2026**



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

GREETING

Kat Goodman

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 in which you would be very welcome.

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.*Please make your way back to your seat once the Prelude begins.*

PRELUDE

Christ our Lord to Jordan Came

Marcel Dupré

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Arnett

Leader: In the beginning, O God, all is darkness, formless and empty.

All: "Light!" you say, and there is light, and the light is the life of all people.

Leader: In the desert, water flows, and you invite us.

All: Christ, river of life, we come to you.

Leader: Spirit, dove of peace, pure energy of love, you sing out in us:

All: We are your beloved in whom you are well pleased.

Leader: We plunge into your grace, and we are made new.

All: We rise, newborn and gleaming. In praise and thanksgiving, we worship you. Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 758

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Michael Saward, 1981

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 670

Isaiah 42:1-9

Amy Anderson Miller

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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.

***GOSPEL LESSON: PEW BIBLE, 3**

Matthew 3:11-17

Eileen Bartlett

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY*What is Ours to Do?*

Kelley Woggon

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Melanie Claypool

Leader: Holy God, in this season of Epiphany, tune our hearts to Your presence.

Congregation: Open our eyes to see where You are already at work, and quiet our anxiety so we can hear Your voice.

Leader: As You spoke blessing over Jesus, speak again into our lives:

Congregation: that we are loved, that we belong, and that we are called. Give us wisdom to recognize the next right thing, and faith to receive Your surprises with gratitude. Amen.

SILENCE**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*Make Me a Christian, Lord*Chinese Folk Melody
by Jody Lindh

Make me a Christian, Lord,
Come, and dwell in me;
Make my heart anew,
Let me your glory see.

Make me clean within,
My soul purify;
Make my purpose, Lord,
You to glorify.

May I learn and grow,
Seeking right from wrong;
Strengthen me each day,
Make my commitment strong.

Love and joy and peace
May my life proclaim;
May I always bring
Honor to your name.

Make me a Christian, Lord,
Come, and dwell in me;
Make my heart anew,
Let me your glory see.

Make me clean within,
My soul purify;
Make my purpose, Lord,
You to glorify.

*EPIPHANY DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Louis Bourgeois

Praise God from whom all blessings flow/ Praise God, all creatures here below,/ Praise God above, all heavenly hosts;/ Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost./ Amen.

*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

When Jesus Came to Jordan

AURELIA

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.
He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.
Fred Pratt Green, 1980

BENEDICTION

Kelley Woggon

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Samuel Priestley Taylor

*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, JANUARY 11

- 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 Personnel Team Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery
- Pickleball (Gym)

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

Food Pantry Collection Day
Next Sunday, January 18

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.

Today's Worship Leaders

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.

Eileen Bartlett has been a member of CHBC for thirty years. During that time she has served as both a preschool and children's Sunday School teacher, and has also been on the Church Council, Finance Team, and Personnel Team. She is currently the Church Treasurer and also serves on the Tech Team. She and her husband, Allen, have one adult daughter and two grandchildren. They live in Bellemeade with their four (!) cats.

Melanie Claypool was raised in Mississippi but was born in Louisville while her father was at Southern Baptist Seminary. For over 25 years, Melanie worked various roles for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. 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, and our Sunday school class at CHBC.

Kat Goodman is originally from Henderson, Kentucky but has lived in Louisville for 20 years. She and her partner, Andrea Smuskiewicz, live in the St. Joseph's neighborhood. Kat is new to CHBC and eventually joined through her involvement with the monthly Reading Group. She also can be seen playing pickleball on Monday or Friday evenings in the gym. In her own words she says, "I am most thankful for the generous hearts I have found here."

Amy Anderson Miller started attending Crescent Hill Baptist Church last spring and loves being a part of this wonderfully warm community. With more than 25 years in travel and tourism, she's put her experience to work in Louisville, helping visitors discover what makes this city so special. At home, Amy is blessed with a wonderful family, including three grandchildren -and one very spoiled dog named Spartan, who thinks he runs the house (and maybe he does!).

Kelley Woggon has been a member of CHBC since 1999. She works as Director of Pastoral Care for Norton Healthcare. She and her husband, Frank, have two daughters, Hannah and Erin. She currently serves on the Church Council and plays pickleball as many Mondays and Thursdays as she can.

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:



January

13

9:15 AM

Art Spirit

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the Youth Room **Tuesday, January 13 at 9:15am**. Work on artistic projects either as a group or individually. Offer tips to fellow artists and maybe learn something new as well!



Preaching Schedule for January 2026

This schedule may change if an interim pastor candidate is invited to preach in view of a call. If that occurs, the **Interim Pastor Search Team** will adjust the dates as needed and ensure the congregation receives adequate notice before the candidate's visit.

- **January 11:** Kelley Woggon
- **January 18:** Jason Crosby
- **January 25:** Brent Bowden

Kentucky Refugee Ministries Coat Drive

We are now collecting new or gently used coats, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc. for Kentucky Refugee Ministries. There is a donation box located in Birchwood Lobby. All coat sizes for all ages will be accepted. Donations will be collected throughout January. Thank you!



Add More Color to Your Advent!

Erin McGee Ferrell and MyCroft produced images for this year's Advent booklet. **There are copies of these in the Sanctuary and church office for you to take and color with pencils, watercolor, acrylics, etc.**

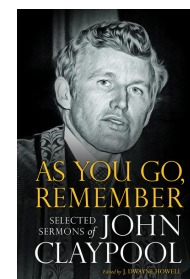
John Arnett and the Art Spirit group will collect these and display them in the Fellowship Hall in January during the Epiphany season. There is a space for your name but you can also submit your colored creations anonymously.



If you have a completed Advent coloring you would like the Art Spirit group to display, please place it in the Art Spirit mailbox with a yellow label located in the Church Office.

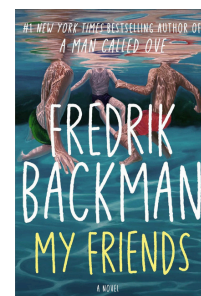
Unlikely Saints Sunday School Book Study

Dwayne Howell will be leading a study of his new book, *As You Go, Remember: Selected Sermons of John Claypool*, in the Unlikely Saints Sunday School class **beginning January 11 and going through February 1**. Find a copy at Carmichael's or online! Schedule of the book study will be published in the coming weeks. Anyone interested in this book study is invited to join!



Reading Group - January 29

Swedish writer, Fredrik Backman, will be featured in the January meeting of the Crescent Hill Reading Group on **Thursday, January 29**, in our parlor. Backman's most recent book, *My Friends*, displays his signature charm, humor, and attention to the poignant details of everyday life. This book is a stunning testament to the transformative, timeless power of art and friendship. If you have never read one of Backman's novels, you are in for a treat! We'd love for you to join us.



January

11

9:30 AM

January

29

7:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

RESUMES JANUARY 21

January 21

Menu (5 PM): Baby Back Ribs, Baked Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Slaw and a Dessert.

Program (6 PM): TBD

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

Please RSVP to the **Church Office** (churchoffice@chbcky.org) by **Monday, January 19 @ 4PM.**
Suggested Donation: \$10

Little Free Pantry 2026 Adoptions

It's that time of year where Sunday School classes, Ministry teams, and this year we're adding Leadership Teams (Finance, Personnel, Church Council), and Choir/ Office Staff agree to adopt filling the Little Free Pantry for one month starting in January - September 2026. The schedule is to fill the LFP every Sunday of the month, then one time midweek throughout the month. Groups handle this service in various ways, including having members bring non-perishable food and hygiene products and different members pick a week. Also money donations are also welcome and the Missions Response Team will be glad to shop if needed. **If your team or group is interested in adopting the pantry, please inform Melanie Claypool or the Missions Response Team by February 1.**

Item suggestions include:

- **Non-perishable foods-** pop-top soups, fruits and vegs, canned meats, peanut butter, mac and cheese, Ramen soup, cereal, granola bars, spices (basics), condiments, shelf-stable milk, juice boxes, etc.
- **Hygiene Items-** soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, comb, hotel samples, feminine products, shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, small bottles of laundry detergent and dish soap.
- **Diapers-** can be divided, wipes and other baby items, kid snacks
- **New socks, hats, gloves for cold weather (leave in packaging)**



Inner Parking Lot

We kindly ask that the inner parking lot be designated for individuals with disabilities or those requiring additional assistance on Sundays. We recognize that many may find themselves in this situation. Nevertheless, if you feel capable, we encourage you to utilize one of our other parking lots if possible.



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 extend Christian sympathy to David Graves and his family upon the passing of his sister, Joyce Olney

We extend Christian sympathy to Annette Ellard upon the passing of her nephew, Robert Pennington

We pray for the CHBC Interim Pastor Search Committee

We pray for Greg Robertson; 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.

