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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

GREETING

Michael Smith

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

A Tender Spiritual

Stanley Vann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Crosby

Leader: God, you Created the world whole.

All: But we have broken it: fractures and divisions abound.

Leader: Still, your grace remains.

All: Even now you are healing what is wounded.

Leader: We come to give you thanks.

All: We come to give you our hearts and our hands, that we may join you in the Mending of the world.

We worship in gratitude, in confidence, in joy!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 521

In Heavenly Love Abiding

NYLAND

In heav'nly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar around me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

Green pastures are before me
which yet I have not seen.
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure;
my path to life is free.
My Savior is my treasure,
and He will walk with me.

Anna L. Waring, 1850

Wherever He may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh;
His sight is never dim.
He knows the way He taketh,
and I will walk with Him.

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 679

Isaiah 49:1-7

Brooks Crosby

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." And no the LORD says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

MUSIC ANNOUNCING THE GOSPEL 539

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.

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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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**

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

At this time, all children are invited to meet their teachers for class at the back of the Sanctuary.

*GOSPEL LESSON: PEW BIBLE, 92

John 1:29-42

Millie Lou Crosby

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

When Dreams Become Nightmares

Jason Crosby

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Darrell Adams

Leader: Holy God, in this season of Epiphany, open our lives to Your presence.

All: Open our eyes to see where you are already at work, so we move forward together.

Leader: As you spoke blessing over Jesus, speak courage into our hearts:

All: We are loved, We belong, and We are called. We will follow you. Give us wisdom to recognize the steps we must take, and resolve to be steadfast in the hope that Love will have the last word. 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

Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

Hear my words, O gracious Lord,
To my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God,
I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light O Lord,
Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant I will bring,
Prayers as morning sacrifice.

Thou art Holy O my God,
Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee,
Nor the proud Thy favor win.

Hear my words, O gracious Lord,
To my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God,
I will make my prayer to Thee.

O gracious Lord,
Hear my words,
O gracious Lord,
I will make my prayer to Thee.

*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

Jason Crosby

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 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Heal your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us -
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Harry E. Fosdick, 1930, alt.

BENEDICTION

Jason Crosby

POSTLUDE

Festival March

Philip Moore

*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 18

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)
- 12:00 Finance Team Meeting (Parlor)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery
- Pickleball (Gym)

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

MLK Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Grady Throneberry Presentation
(Fellowship Hall)
- Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 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.



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.

Dr. Lewis Brogdon nominated to be Interim Pastor



The Interim Pastor Search Team has unanimously recommended Dr. Lewis Brogdon to be Interim Pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church. **He will preach in view of a call on Sunday, February 1, and a vote of the congregation will occur at the close of worship. If elected, he will begin his duties immediately.**

Dr. Brogdon is a pastor, teacher, and ministry leader whose work brings together thoughtful preaching, practical discipleship, and a steady commitment to faith. He often describes his roots simply: he was formed by the church, shaped by family, and guided over time into a calling that blends pastoral care with public witness.

His ministry spans multiple church traditions and settings, including rural and city congregations and both predominantly Black and predominantly White communities. Across those experiences, he has leaned into building trust, strengthening congregational life, and helping communities move forward with clarity and hope.

Professionally, beginning in 2026, Dr. Brogdon will serve as Executive Director of JustFaith Ministries in Louisville. He previously served as Executive Director of the Institute for Black Church Studies and Associate Professor at BSK Theological Seminary in Lexington.

Dr. Brogdon's educational background includes a B.A. in Christian Studies and Sociology, an M.Div. in New Testament Studies, and a Ph.D. in Theology. He is a frequent speaker and lecturer and has written widely on preaching, the spiritual life of the church, and Christian witness in times of social strain.

At heart, Dr. Brogdon's pastoral focus is simple: preaching that meets people where they are, leadership that listens before it leads, and a vision of the gospel that forms a congregation's life together—week by week, decision by decision, and neighbor by neighbor.

This interim season is planned for one year and may be extended by mutual agreement between the church and Dr. Brogdon. If a permanent pastor is called during this time, the interim period will conclude early.

Today's Worship Leaders

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.

Brooks Crosby is in ninth grade at DuPont Manual High School where he is currently running for the varsity cross country team. He is excited about his 15th birthday on October 10 because he will soon thereafter secure his driving permit. Even when not running you are still likely to find Brooks outside swimming in the summer or skiing in the winter.

Millie Lou Crosby is in seventh grade at Noe Middle School. Like her brother she runs cross country for the Noe girls team, the defending state champions. Additionally, Millie Lou plays guitar in the Noe Jazz Band and in Mint, a band comprised of her peers who primarily cover 80s and 90s rock songs. She also is a very talented visual artist.

Michael Smith has been a member of CHBC since 2018. He grew up in Elizabeth, IN. Michael received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bellarmine University with a major in theology and a minors in music and psychology. He completed a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. CHBC ordained him to the Gospel ministry on October 31, 2021. Michael completed a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with Norton Hospital and now serves as a chaplain at Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, KY. Michael loves singing, cooking, and reading in his spare time.

MLK Day Tree Planting Project

January

19

10:00 AM

Our CHBC Social Justice Team is sponsoring a MLK Day service project - planting 10 trees at Alberta Jones Park. This initiative is in partnership with Trees Louisville, St. Mark's Episcopal, and Young Urban Gardeners. **The tree planting project will take place tomorrow, January 19 from 10 AM - 12 PM at 744 S. 23rd St, Louisville, KY.** Contact David Graves at (502) 744-2808 or dagraves44@gmail.com if you plan to participate. All planting equipment and gloves will be provided. Lunch will follow at St. George's Church, 1201 S. 26th St. To carpool, meet in the St. Mark's parking lot at 9:30 AM.



Snow Team

When snow is on the ground before a Sunday morning service, the snow team shows up at 8:30 AM to clear the steps and sidewalks. Interested in being a part of the snow team? Contact Brian Bunger at 502-435-6191 or brian@sri.win.net.



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 18: Jason Crosby

• **January 25:** Brent Bowden

Add More Color to Your Epiphany Season!

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.

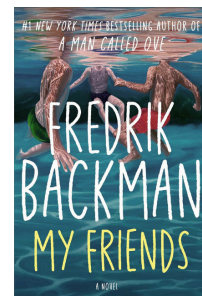
Reading Group - January 29

January

29

7:00 PM

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.



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

January 21

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

Program (6 PM): Presentation by Grady Throneberry

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

Thank you for Adopting the Little Free Pantry in December!

1. Eggs Over Frankfort
2. Barre 3
3. Kiddo
4. Louisville Free Public Library
5. Parlour Pizza
6. Moms Demand Action
7. Carmichael's Bookstore

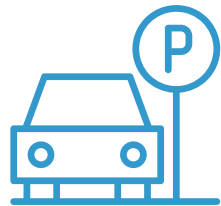


Thank you to our CHBC teams for Adopting the Little Free Pantry in 2026!

January: Missions Response Team
February: Pickleball Teams
March: Harbor Class
April: Barnabas Class
May: John Arnett

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 pray for the CHBC Interim Pastor Search Committee

We pray for Rhonda Gilliland; 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.

