

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 25, 2026**



**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

Valorie Horn

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

*Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*

Johann G. Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brent Bowden

Leader: We gather today, in the season of Epiphany, seeking shelter from a darkened world.

**All: God is our light and our salvation.**

Leader: We find ourselves in need of balance and courage.

**All: God is the stronghold of our lives. Of whom should we be afraid?**

Leader: Let us absorb and reflect your light, O God.

**All: In our worship, let us learn to be light-bearers to one another and to the world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 710

*We Are Called to be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

We are called to be God's people,  
Showing by our lives God's grace,  
One in heart and one in spirit,  
Sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how God has changed us,  
And remade us as God's own,  
Let us share our life together  
As we shall around God's throne.

We are called to be God's prophets,  
Speaking for the truth and right,  
Standing firm for godly justice,  
Bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed,  
Our high calling to fulfill,  
That the world may know the blessing  
Of the doing of God's will.

*Thomas A. Jackson, 1973, alt.*

We are called to be God's servants,  
Working in God's world today;  
Taking God's own task upon us,  
all God's sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to God's summons,  
Dedicate to God our all,  
That we may be faithful servants,  
quick to answer now God's call.

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 638

Isaiah 9:1-4

Ezekiel Hand

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

\*MUSIC ANNOUNCING THE GOSPEL 651

O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
  
Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong:  
  
In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.

*Washington Gladden, 1879*

*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 4:12-23

Pat Scott

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus calls us;  
Over the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day  
His clear voice soundeth, saying,  
"Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
By the Galilean Lake,  
Turned from home and  
Toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store;  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

*Jesus Calls Us*

Restoration

In our joys and in out sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us!  
By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

EPISTLE LESSON: PEW BIBLE, 166

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Brent Bowden

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know

whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

*Nope!*

Brent Bowden  
David Graves

LITANY OF RESPONSE

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, bless us with love for self and neighbor.

**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

*Pastorale*

J.S. Bach

\*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

Brent Bowden

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

*Come All Christians, Be Committed*

BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians,  
be committed to the service of the Lord;  
make your lives for him more fitted,  
tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into his courts with gladness,  
all your sacred vows renew,  
turn away from sin and sadness,  
be transformed with life anew.

Come in praise and adoration,  
all who on Christ's name believe;  
worship him with consecration,  
grace and love will you receive.  
For his grace give him the glory,  
for the Spirit and the Word,  
and repeat the gospel story  
until all his name have heard.

*Eva B. Lloyd, 1966, alt.*

Of your time and talents give ye,  
they are gifts from God above,  
to be used by Christians freely  
to proclaim his wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior,  
tithes and offerings with you bring;  
in your work, with him find favor,  
and with joy his praises sing.

BENEDICTION

Brent Bowden

POSTLUDE

*A Ceremonial March*

Christopher Tambling

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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)

5:00 Divorce Recovery

Pickleball (Gym)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 26

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Ministry Forum (Fellowship Hall)

Frankfort Avenue Group

(Heritage Hall)

7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

7:00 Reading Group (Parlor)

# 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

**Brent Bowden** is driven by a pursuit of redemption in the world. Vocationally, this pursuit has taken the form of youth ministry, two senior pastorates in Austin, Texas and Rochester, New York, and now managing grants and mortgages at Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. When not engaged in one of these pursuits you might find Brent running Cherokee Park, on a golf course, or working on the home he shares with his spouse, Dr. Anna Bowden and their Yorkshire Terrier, Shiner.

**David Graves** first joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 1956, and served as our Minister to Youth while in graduate school. During his career, he was the Executive Director of the Home of the Innocents, Brooklawn, and then interim director of numerous non profit human services agencies.

**Ezekiel Hand** was born and raised in the charming cowboy town of Wickenburg, Arizona, where he spent his days between the rodeo and church. Ezekiel moved to Louisville in 2018 and eventually transitioned into the workforce where he now serves as the Sales and Service Manager at Republic Bank in the Highlands. Outside of work, his time is best spent with his friends and his fiancé, Derek Ingraham.

**Valorie Horn**, a retired English and physical science educator, has been a member of CHBC with her husband Ron since 1990. Their son Cameron lives in Carmel, Indiana, and works as a pharmacist for Amazon. Millie, their daughter, is in her second year of a pulmonary critical care fellowship at Wash U. Valorie treasures her Barnabas Sunday School class and Chancel Ensemble, while also participating in Reading Group and the Gifts Affirmation Team. If not at CHBC, you can find her walking Charleston, their Golden-Doodle or working in her yard year-round.

**Pat Scott** began her life-story with Crescent Hill Baptist Church as an infant in October of 1930. In her own words, she says, "That's a time-line too long to list, within this space, the details of our shared life together, other than to offer thanks to our God and to this church for lessons and blessings far deeper than words."

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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.

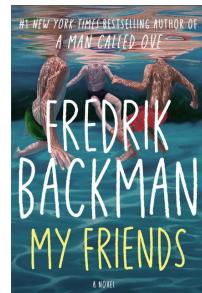
## Our Partners in Ministry:



January  
**29**  
7:00 PM

## Reading Group - January 29

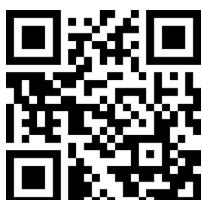
Swedish writer, Fredrik Backman, will be featured in the January meeting of the Crescent Hill Reading Group on **Thursday, January 29**, in our parlor. Backman's most recent book, *My Friends*, displays his signature charm, humor, and attention to the poignant details of everyday life. This book is a 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.



## 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 Bunker at 502-435-6191 or [brian@sri.win.net](mailto:brian@sri.win.net).

February  
**1**  
9:30 AM



## Come Meet Our Prospective Interim Pastor!

The Interim Pastor Search Team invites the Crescent Hill family to **visit with Dr. Lewis Brogdon at a meet and greet on Sunday, February 1, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Coffee and light breakfast fare will be provided by the Hospitality Team. Following the meet and greet, Dr. Brogdon will preach during worship at 10:45 a.m.

**A special ministry forum will be held at the conclusion of worship to consider calling Dr. Brogdon as our interim pastor.**

If you participate in online worship and would like to vote in the ministry forum, please email [tech@chbcky.org](mailto:tech@chbcky.org) prior to the forum for instructions. More information about Dr. Brogdon is on the church website.



You also are invited to watch videos of Dr. Brogdon preaching by scanning the QR Code or by visiting: [chbcky.org/lewisbrogdonsermons/](http://chbcky.org/lewisbrogdonsermons/)

February  
**8**  
9:00 AM

## Valentine Bake Sale

Calling all bakers! Our annual Valentine Bake Sale and Silent Auction will be on **February 8 starting at 9 AM in Birchwood Lobby**. Funds raised will be used to support local organizations and nonprofits, and we need your input! Simply fill out a fundraiser submission form and place it in the Church Council mailbox or scan the QR Code to submit your idea digitally. Forms will be available in the church office. Items can be brought to Birchwood Lobby starting at 9 AM. Items can be sweet or savory - packaged for immediate sale or for the auction. Come join the fun and remember - bid early, bid often! **If you can donate, please inform let Melanie Bunker ([Melanie.bunker@twc.com](mailto:Melanie.bunker@twc.com), 502-435-6189).**



# WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

January 28

Menu (5 PM): Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans and a Dessert.

Program (6 PM): Ministry Forum.

Choir Rehearsal (7 PM) in the Choir Room

Please RSVP to the Church Office  
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by  
Monday, January 26 @ 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



## 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 new parents, Eh Nay Thaw and Julia Htoo, as they welcome their baby, Ehlah Forest Htoo-Thaw.**

**We pray for new parents, Rachel and Ryan Miranda, as they welcome their baby, Alexander Paul Miranda.**

We pray for Jerry and Sharon Smith; Rhonda Gilliland; Greg Robertson; 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 Scarlette 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.

