

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 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

Melanie Bunger

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

Have Mercy in Your Goodness, Lord
Laura Lea Duckworth, soprano

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this first Sunday of Lent we come to you, O God, with a fresh reminder that we are mortal.

All: Teach us to see the unloving ways that separate us from your Life in us.

Leader: We become aware that we are often bound in fear.

All: Teach us that you are Steadfast Love and that you make your home in us.

Leader: Lead us in the paths of justice

All: Guide our steps to paths of peace.

Leader: Open our lips, O God;

All: And we shall sing your praise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 336

God is My Great Desire

LEONI

God is my great desire,
his face I seek the first;
to him my heart and soul aspire,
for him I thirst.

As one in desert lands,
whose very flesh is flame,
in burning love I lift my hands
and bless his name.

God is my true delight,
my richest feast his praise,
through silent watches of the night,
through all my days.
To him my spirit clings,
on him my soul is cast;
beneath the shadow of his wings
he holds me fast.

God is my strong defense
in every evil hour;
in him I face with confidence
the tempter's power.
I trust his mercy sure
with truth and triumph crowned:
my hope and joy forevermore
in him are found.

Psalm 63, para. Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1982

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER: PEW BIBLE, 506

Psalm 32

Greg Robertson

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away

through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah* I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 200	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	LAND OF REST
Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.		And thro' these days of penitence, and thro' your Passiontide, forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.
As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win, O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.		Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain, an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!
As you did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and so to live by your most holy Word.		<i>Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873, alt.</i>

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

*LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL: PEW BIBLE, 3	Matthew 4:1-11	Dr. Lewis Brogdon
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.		

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *A Time of Great Temptation*

LITANY OF RESPONSE	Brian Williams
Leader: Holy God, in this season of Lent, reorient our hearts to your presence.	
All: Open our eyes to see you in our world, in the faces of others, and in our own hearts.	
Leader: As you drew Jesus into the wilderness, draw us into prayer;	
All: Slow us down, quiet our noise, and teach us to listen, that we may be led closer to you in love.	
Leader: As you invite us to self-discipline, loosen the grip of our cravings.	
All: Train us to want what we truly need, not what we crave, that your desires for us become our own.	
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;	
All: And renew a right spirit within us.	

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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

American Spiritual
arr. Laura Lea Duckworth

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by himself,
O nobody else could walk it for him,
He had to walk it by himself.
Jesus had to face temptations,
he had to face them by himself,
O nobody else could face them for him,
He had to face them by himself.

You must go and stand your trial,
you have to stand it by yourself,
O nobody else can stand it for you,
you have to stand it by yourself.
Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself.

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Tallis Canon

Thomas Tallis

We give these gifts, O God, to you, The Source of All, ancient and new, These blessings we return to Thee O Source of Love and Charity.

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

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 641

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

ALL THE WAY

All the way my Savior leads me;
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in him to dwell,
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above;
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages,
"Jesus led me all the way;"
This my song through endless ages,
"Jesus led me all the way."

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Give me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread;
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo! a spring of joy I see;
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Ach, was soll ich sündler machen

J. Pachelbel

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 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, FEBRUARY 23

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Reading Group (Parlor)

Soup Potluck
This Wednesday,
February 25



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

Melanie Debusman Bunger was born into Crescent Hill Baptist Church. Growing up here has endeared CHBC to a special place in her heart and she has served in many ways over the years. She loves being with her family including mom-Amelia Debusman, husband-Brian Bunger, their two children – Rachel and William, son-in-law - Ryan Miranda and their new grandchild, Alexander. Melanie is employed at Norton Healthcare as an accountant. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, reading and cooking.

Greg Robertson joined CHBC in 1988. About 10 years later, he and his husband, Brian Williams, joined the Soladarity Sunday school class. Greg was asked to become a deacon in 1999. Since then, he has served our church as Treasurer, and on the Church Council. In his own words he says, "I am so proud to call Crescent Hill Baptist Church my home."

Brian Williams has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church with his husband, Greg for over 30 years and he has served in many areas of the church. His professional career covered 30 years in the healthcare industry. In retirement he enjoys cooking, and collecting antique samplers, bibles, and prayer books.

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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:





Thank you CHBC!

Thank you to everyone who contributed items and bid during our Valentine Bake Sale! **Together we raised \$1,062!** These funds will be donated to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Thank you CHBC!



Soup Potluck - Next Wednesday!



February

25

5:00 PM

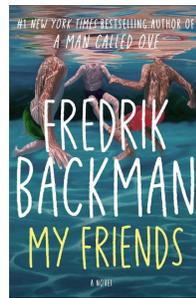
Please bring a soup to share, and join your church family for a soup potluck this **Wednesday, February 25 at 5 PM**. The Hospitality Team will provide rolls, cornbread, and dessert. Please fill out this form: go.chbc.live/ycknsjhe and let us know what you'll bring! Contact a member of the Hospitality Team, or email Hilary Jones at hhoomes@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Scan Here & Tell Us What You're Bringing



Reading Group - February 26

The Crescent Hill Reading Group will meet on **Thursday, February 26**, in our parlor. Fredrik 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.



February

26

7:00 PM

Game Day - March 3

Roll the dice and practice your poker face for game day! Meet in the parlor **Tuesday, March 3 at 12pm**. Be sure to bring your lunch and your favorite games!



March

3

12:00 PM



You are Invited to Dinner in March!

The Congregational Care Team is inviting YOU to dinner! Beginning in March, six families are hosting meals at their respective homes, and the guest list will be a surprise!

We are asking folks to sign up, be prepared to bring a dish to share (hosts provide main course) and enjoy an evening with people in the pews you may or may not know. We will be assigning participants to a home; the host will contact you with details, and then all you have to do is show up and settle in for a good time. This is an opportunity to share your stories, laugh, eat, and grow closer to one another as an associate of this Beloved Community. You do NOT have to be a member to attend. Friends are most welcome, in fact, we hope you do bring friends.



We are offering three dates: March 20th, March 21st, and March 22. We ask you sign up, rank your preference and let us know if you have any food or pet allergies. Please submit this information to Leslie Picken (lesliepick@yahoo.com or 734-904-0881) no later than March 13th.

WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

February 25

Menu (5 PM): Soup Potluck

Program (6 PM): Prayer Meeting

Choir Rehearsal (7 PM) in the Choir Room

Please RSVP to the [Church Office](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org)
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, February 23 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10



**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 extend Christian sympathy to Ann Cottone upon the passing of her brother, Johnny Revel.

We pray for Eh Thaw Thaw; Jane Rose-Zupetz; Ron Horn; Stephen R. Holt; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Greg Robertson; Tom Doyon; 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, Amy Pierce's brother, Nicky Hill; 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, John 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.

