

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 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

Kerri Richardson Cheng

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 Choir begins singing.

GATHERING SONG

Spirit of Life

Carolyn McDade

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together today in this sacred place seeking guidance for our lives.

All: God is our shepherd; we may receive everything we need.

Leader: We seek a place of rest.

All: We rest in a serene and peaceful place where our spirits may be restored.

Leader: We long to do the next right thing.

All: Even in our darkest times, you, O God, guide us toward that next right action.

Leader: You have chosen us, O God, and blessed us beyond measure.

All: May we rest in your presence among us, knowing that goodness and mercy will follow us throughout our lives.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 461

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERSTWYTH

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, O leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley, 1738

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 259

I Samuel 16:1-7, 10-13

Ellie Mook

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a

king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 568

Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated

HEDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee;
Take my hands and let them move;
At the impulse of thy love,
At the impulse of thy love.

Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold,

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King,
Always only, for my King.

Take my love; my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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, 43

Mark 8:27-38

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

When Disciples Get it Wrong

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Dr. Anna Bowden

Leader: Holy God, in this season of Lent, reorient our hearts to your presence.

All: Open our hearts to your love, that we may acknowledge our failings in the certain knowledge of your steadfast love.

Leader: As you drew Jesus into the wilderness, draw us into prayer;

All: Slow us down, quiet our noise, that we may rest in your all sustaining love.

Leader: You pour Yourself out in mercy,

All: Form in us generous hands to give of our resources, our time, and our attention.

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 & ALMSGIVING FOR LENT

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Call

Laura Lea Duckworth

From our daily occupations,
From confusion and life's din,
From our meaningless amusements,
Jesus calls to follow him.

Follow him to build God's Kingdom,
Follow him to do God's will,
Follow him with open hearts to Love,
and so our lives are filled.

*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 648

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control:
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory,
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

John E. Bode, 1866

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Diapason Movement

John Keeble (1711-1786)

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

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Today's Worship Leaders

In her core, Anna Bowden believes that the questions people ask of life and in faith shape the way they view and treat others. She has put this abiding conviction to action as Associate Professor in New Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. From this position she is helping the church at large and those who are pursuing a call to ministry hone their curiosities to facilitate a more generous view of faith, a more inclusive church, and a more just and equitable world. When not in the classroom, Anna will likely be spending time with her adoring dog, Shiner, and her spouse, Rev. Brent Bowden.

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 the 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.

Ellie Mook and her boyfriend, Matthew have been coming to Crescent Hill Baptist since the summer, and have truly enjoyed their time here so far. Ellie grew up in Georgetown, Kentucky and now lives in St. Matthews. She is a 6th and 7th grade social studies teacher in Shelby County. She loves to read, cook, and watch movies.

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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:



Embracing Almsgiving this Lenten Season

Lent often evokes thoughts of “**giving up**” something, or “**adding**” practices to improve daily life. However, Lent is also a time for **almsgiving and charity**. It’s about showing love to others not just through words, but through our actions.

For Lent 2026, CHBC is focusing on incorporating almsgiving into our spiritual practices by collecting essential items for refugee families supported by Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Our Social Justice Team is already engaged in assisting two families and encourages everyone to join in this effort.

We can accept this invitation by weekly filling the empty baskets around the sanctuary table with specific needed supplies.

**MARCH
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Personal Hygiene Items:

Shampoo/conditioner, feminine products, deodorant, hand/body soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, hand sanitizer, hair brush/combs, wash cloths, etc.

**MARCH
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Kroger/ Walmart Gift Cards:

Any number of cards but limit each card to \$10. If you prefer, you can give funds to Alice or Darrell Adams, Leslie Picken, Debbie Brashear, and we will purchase the gift cards.

**MARCH
29**

Palm Sunday

Heartfelt Letters:

Notes and cards of welcome and/or encouragement for the families as well as KRM staff. Please print your message.

**APRIL
5**

Easter Sunday

Flowers:

This year, we are asking folks to purchase and bring your own favorite spring flowers to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday!



Forms will be available for you to indicate if your flowers are in honor, in memory or, in gratitude of a loved one or a friend. Forms may be submitted in the designated box in the church office or to Lillian Gordon. **Please submit any forms by Sunday, March 29.** The list of the names and honorees will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday as usual. **Please have your flowers placed in the Sanctuary by 10:30 AM on Easter Sunday.**

Pastor Search Team

With Dr. Brogdon firmly in place to lead CHBC through the interim period, it is time to begin the process of selecting the Search Team for our next pastor. The Search Team will work with the congregation as we reflect and articulate what kind of pastor is fit for who we are and who we are becoming. With that and knowledge we gather from other work we will do as a congregation with Dr. Brogdon, the Search Team will seek out the right candidate. Our By Laws direct the Church Council to put this team together and we need your help. **If this is something you want to be a part of, please put your name forward. You may also nominate someone else, preferably with their permission. Names will be received until March 29.** The Council will then craft a team of 7 that reflects a good representation of the congregation. Let us all commit to praying and listening for God's movement among us during this time.

You may submit nominations for the Pastor Search Team in ONE of the following ways:

- Contact Church Council Chair, Kelley Woggon at kellywoggon@chbcky.org,
- Scan the QR Code and submit a name digitally
- Write your nomination by hand and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Council member.



Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary

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March

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Deadline

We Need Your Help with Wednesday Night Meals

Help is needed in the following ways for Wednesday Fellowship Meals:

- Setting up
- Serving
- Side dishes



- Salad
- Dessert
- Clean up



If you are interested in helping, please list your name, contact information, what you can help with and how often you can help to Margaret McCollum (502-541-9790, mernst7591@gmail.com).

April

4

9:30 AM



Eggstravaganza Volunteers Needed!



Bring the kids for some free family fun before the Frankfort Avenue Easter parade on April 4, from 9:30am-11:30am! Enjoy crafts, cookie decorating, face painting, a bounce house and other activities and games. Volunteers will need to arrive at 9 AM. Contact Melanie Bunger (435-6189 melanie.bunger@twc.com) if you are able to volunteer during this egg-stra special event! And stick around for the Easterparade on Frankfort Avenue!

WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

March 18

Menu (5 PM): Pork Tenderloin Cuban Sandwiches (Not Sliders), Moms Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Pickle Slice and Dessert.

Program (6 PM): Ministry Forum

Choir Rehearsal (7 PM) in the Choir Room

Please RSVP to the [Church Office \(churchoffice@chbcky.org\)](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org) by Monday, March 16 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10



A Message from the Landscaping Team

Spring is approaching! March 20th is the official beginning of spring. We look forward to many opportunities this spring and summer to help keep our grounds beautiful! If you wish to contact or learn more about the Landscaping Team, please contact Jo Forest.



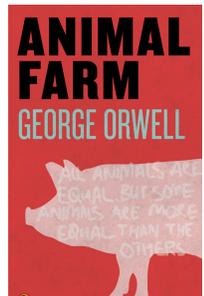
Reading Group - March 26

March

26

7:00 PM

Our reading group will be meeting on **Thursday, March 26 at 7 PM** to discuss *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. This 1945 allegorical novella satirizes the rise of stalinism by telling the story of farm animals who overthrew their human farmer. It critiques totalitarianism, corruption, propaganda and the manipulation of truth - solidifying it as a classic political fable. All are invited to join us! Contact: Bobbie Thomason (bobbijt@icloud.com).



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 Carolyn Fegenbush; Tina Marvin; June Bailey; Eh Thaw Thaw; Jane Rose-Zupetz; Stephen R. Holt; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Tom Doyon; Marjorie Ash; Carolyn Seiffertt; Corinne Holt; Donnie Murphy; 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 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.

