

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 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

Pat Cole

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: As we journey through this Lenten desert, we seek you eagerly, O God.

All: Our souls thirst for you, as in a barren land where there is no water.

Leader: We come here to *this* sanctuary to experience your presence.

All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless your holy name.

All: We will lift our hand and our voices to call upon you, that our souls may be satisfied.

Leader: Satisfy our thirst for you.

All: Let us drink freely of your love and goodness!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: PEW BIBLE, 64

Exodus 17:1-7

Rickey Bayman

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of

Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 84

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Children of the heav'nly Father,
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nesting bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace is showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

God his own does tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them, pure and holy.

Carolina Sandell Berg, 1855; tr. Ernest W. Olson, 1925, alt.

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

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER: PEW BIBLE, 550

Psalm 95

Devin Bundrent

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

The Wilderness Paradox

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Rowan Claypool

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

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

ARISE

arr. Laura Lea Duckworth

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick, and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity,
love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior;
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, you thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

*LENTE 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 60

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Refrain**
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. **Refrain**

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott (Have Mercy on Me Lord God)

J.L.Krebs

*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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Rickey Bayman has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church for 11 years with his husband, Mark. They have been married for 10 years, together 18 years & live in Henry County. Rickey is 1 of 9 children & is from Beaver Dam, Kentucky. He has been a certified nursing assistant for over 25 years & presently works at The Willows at Springhurst in Louisville.

Devin Bundrent is an agent at Heyman Talent Agency, specializing in film and television. A Louisville native, Devin attended DuPont Manual High School and the University of Louisville (LIC4!), where he majored in Finance and French. Devin is passionate about the arts and has served on the boards of many local arts organizations. Devin began attending CHBC in 2021 as his second date with Grady Throneberry; the two were married in the sanctuary in May 2023. They live in Saint Matthews with their dog, Reagan, and love reading, tech, travel, theatre, and all things related to food!

Rowan Claypool has been a member of CHBC almost his entire life. Professionally, he is a social entrepreneur focused on attracting both college aged students and recent college graduates to Louisville to address the "brain drain." He founded Teach Kentucky which has recruited 479 teachers to public education in greater Louisville over the last 22 years. He is married to Melanie Claypool. They have three adult sons who are married and one granddaughter.

Pat Cole joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 1987 while serving as Director of News and Information at Southern Seminary. After leaving Southern in the 1990s, he was able to continue his communications career in Louisville and is now retired. While a member of CHBC, he met and married Janet, who was then the Pastor's Secretary. Today, they enjoy trying (unsuccessfully) to keep pace with their granddaughter, Amelia.

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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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Baby Supplies:

Diapers (infant to toddler), wipes, burp cloths, lotions/creams, baby shampoo, baby body wash etc.

Please do not bring clothing.

**MARCH
15**

Personal Hygiene Items:

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

**MARCH
22**

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:

For KRM families / staff; CHBC homebound members, etc. Be on the lookout for more information about flowers.

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.

March

10

9:15 AM

Art Spirit- March 10

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the Youth Room Tuesday, **March 10 at 9:15 AM.** Work on artistic projects either as a group or individually. Offer tips to fellow artists and maybe learn something new as well!



March

29

Deadline

Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary

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.**



Help Fund 12 Karen Teachers

On Wednesday night, Eh Nay Thaw shared with us that the school in the Tham Hin Refugee Camp, where he lived for more than a decade and was a student, has lost funding for 12 teachers because of funding cuts from the USA. If you are interested in helping, scan the QR Code or visit go.chbc.live/2p9byaww to access the Go Fund Me page that will enable the school to keep these teachers in the classroom for the coming school year.



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 11

Menu (5 PM): Fried Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, and Dessert!

Program (6 PM): Prayer Meeting

Choir Rehearsal (7 PM) in the Choir Room

Please RSVP to the [Church Office \(churchoffice@chbcky.org\)](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org) by Monday, March 9 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10



You are Invited to Dinner in March! - RSVP by March 13

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.

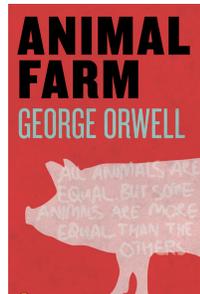


We are offering three dates: March 20th, March 21st, and March 22. We ask you sign up, rank your preference and let us know if you have any food or pet allergies. Please submit this information to Leslie Picken (lesliepick@yahoo.com or 734-904-0881) no later than March 13th.

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 overthrow 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 Seiffert; 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 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.

