

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 24, 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

Elizabeth Weaver

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 as the Prelude begins.

PRELUDE

Veni Sancti Spiritus

Sung by Laura Lea Duckworth

This ancient text was begun in the 10th Century and was added to through the 13th C. It has been sung in churches all over the world on Pentecost Sunday for more than 1000 years of Christendom.

Come, Holy Spirit,
send down those beams
which sweetly flow in silent streams
from Thy bright throne above.

O come, Thou Father of the poor;
O come, Thou source of all our store,
come, fill our hearts with love.

O Thou, of comforters, the best,
O Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
the pilgrim's sweet relief.

Rest are Thou in our toil, most sweet
refreshment in the noonday heat;
and solace our grief.

O blessed Light of life Thou art;
fill with Thy light the inmost heart
of those who hope in Thee.

Without Thy Godhead nothing can,
have any price or worth in man,
nothing can harmless be.

Wash our sinful stains away,
refresh from heaven our barren clay,
our wounds and bruises heal.

To Thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,
warm with Thy fire our hearts of snow,
our wandering feet recall.

Grant to Thy faithful, dearest Lord,
whose only hope is Thy sure word,
the sevenfold gifts of grace.

Grant us in life Thy grace that we,
in peace may die and ever be,
in joy before Thy face. Amen, Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

All: Surprise us today, O God, with the presence of your unpredictable Spirit.

Leader: We live in a world that is infused with that Spirit.

All: It is the Spirit of Love, revealed by Christ, living and working in the world.

Leader: It is the Spirit breaking down walls that divide us, walls that keep people out, and keep others from getting in.

All: May that Spirit fill our praise as we open our hearts to the living Spirit of God.

Verses 1-4, 7

Spirit, working in creation,
Bringing order out of strife:
Come among God's gathered people,
Giving harmony and life.

Spirit, speaking through the prophets
So the voice of God is heard:
come, inspire, alert your people
To this day's prophetic word.

Spirit, overshadowing Mary
As the Christ-child in her you grew:
Come, so that the Christ within us
May today be born anew.

Spirit, coming from the Father
As a dove upon our Lord:
come upon your favored people,
May your blessings be outpoured.

Spirit, wind and flame, empowering
Fearless witness to the lost:
Come, unite, renew your wonders;
Give us a new Pentecost.

John Richards, 1978

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: PEW BIBLE, 174 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Amelia Debusman

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

CHORAL OFFERING

Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love

McClure, Powell

Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love,
Guiding Light of God above;
Make Your beacon ours;
Inspire us to shine so all may know
The radiance of the Spirit's own
Revealing power.

Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love,
Blazing Breath of God above,
Make Your passion ours;
Impel us to live so all may know
The fervor of the Spirit's
own Resplendent power.

Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love,
Stirring Song of God above,
Make Your music ours;
Excite us to sing so all may know
The anthem of the Spirit's own
Resounding power.

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

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES: PEW BIBLE, 192

Ephesians 2:11-22

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were

near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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*HYMN OF REFLECTION 297 *Spirit of the Living God* IVERSON
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me, humble, caring, selfless, sharing –
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.
Daniel Iverson, v. 1, 1926' Michael Baughen, v. 2, 1978

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *Christ Breaks Down the Walls that Divide Us* Dr. Lewis Brogdon

LITANY OF RESPONSE Blake Ragsdell

Leader: Christ has broken down the walls that divide us.

People: In Christ, hostility does not have the final word.

Leader: When the world teaches fear, division, hatred, and exclusion,

People: Christ calls us to the hard work of repentance and justice that make reconciliation and peace possible.

Leader: It may not look like it today, but God is building us together into a dwelling place for the Spirit.

People: Come, Holy Spirit. Work in and through us, and make us one in Christ. 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 *Now Pray We to the Holy Ghost* Dietrich Buxtehude

*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

Praise God, whose breath fills all the earth, Whose love reveals our sacred worth, Whose Spirit forms one family, Whose Grace brings peace and harmony.
-Roger Lynn

*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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 295 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew, Till I am whole thine,
that I may love the way you love, until this earthly part of me
and do what you would do. Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure, so shall I never die,
until my will is one with yours, but live with you the perfect life
to do and to endure. for all eternity.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

BENEDICTION Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE *Come, Holy Ghost, In Love* Healey Willan

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Today's Worship Leaders

Amelia Debusman has been a member since 1960. She and her family have been active in many activities. One of the longest is the Harmony Sunday School class. She helped create the first website, worked with the Halloween community party, served as a deacon and served on several committees.

Blake Ragsdell is a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, where he currently serves as chair of the Finance Committee and participates in the church's long-range planning work. He appreciates the opportunity to support the life of the church through worship, committee service, and shared discernment about CHBC's future. Blake and his wife, Victoria, have three adult children, and he values the ways family, friendship, and church community continue to shape his life. Outside of church, Blake's interests include writing, music, coaching, technology, meaningful conversations, and travel. He values communities that make room for honesty, compassion, thoughtful questions, and shared responsibility

Elizabeth Weaver has been a member of CHBC since 2014. She attends the Reading Group and is a part of the choir. She grew up in Southern Illinois, near St. Louis, and moved to Kentucky in 2006, when she started grad school at UK. She works at Bellarmine University as Director of Operations for Arts & Sciences and serves as the director of their Math Center. In her spare time enjoys playing the guitar, shopping for vintage treasures, reading, and traveling.

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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:



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 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, MAY 25

Office Closed
Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 12:30 Staff Meeting (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 8:00 Louisville Racing FC Pride Night
(Lynn Family Stadium)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 10:00 Ron Horn Visitation (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Ron Horn Funeral Service
(Sanctuary)

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 chbcky.org/give.



DONATE STOCKS.

Contact Treasurer, Eileen Bartlett (treasurer@chbcky.org) 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 (treasurer@chbcky.org). 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 (treasurer@chbcky.org) to learn how this could reduce your future tax burden and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution.

Celebration of Life for Ronald Horn

A Celebration of Life Service for CHBC member, Ronald Horn will be held on **Saturday, May 30, at in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be at 10 A.M. and the service following at 11 A.M.**

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Crescent Hill Baptist Church Memorial Fund, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, or the Parkinson's Foundation.

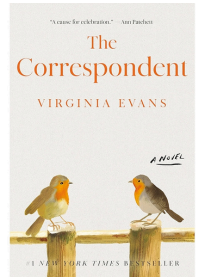
Reading Group

May

28

7:00 PM

In May, our reading group will be discussing the epistolary novel, *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans. The elderly Sybil Van Antwerp has used letters throughout her life to make sense of the world and her place in it. She has lived a full life, but something from her past is causing her to reexamine a crucial period in her life. Enjoy this endearing novel and plan to join us on **May 28 at 7:00 PM in the Parlor**. If you love to read and talk about books, this is the group for you! Contact: Bobbie Thomason bobbijt@icloud.com



May

29

8:00 PM

Louisville Racing FC Pride Night

Join CHBC and other faith communities in cheering on the Louisville Racing Football Club during their 2026 Pride Night! The game will be **May 29 at 8 PM**. **Scan the QR Code to purchase your tickets at a discounted rate!**



Worship Music Volunteers Needed This Summer



As the school year comes to a close, the choir is preparing for a well-deserved break. Now is the perfect opportunity for those of you with musical talents to step forward.

If you would enjoy contributing to our worship at CHBC in a musical way, please reach out to Laura Lea Duckworth at lauralea@chbcky. In your email, please include the title of your selection along with the dates that fit your summer schedule. Laura Lea will coordinate the chosen pieces with the day's theme to ensure a harmonious worship experience.

Father's Day Bake Sale

June

21

9:00 AM

Submit your best sweet and savory baked goods for this year's Father's Day auction! Individual items, such as arts and crafts, or any other creative endeavors, are needed for the auction as well! Proceeds from this auction will go towards our CBF Encourager Church Partners, Cultivate Abundance.

Contact Melanie Bunger (melanie.bunger@twc.com, 435-6189) if you can contribute an item or have questions.



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Wednesday, May 27

Menu (5 PM): Fried Chicken, Sides and Ice Cream!

Program (6 PM): TBD

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, May 27 will be the
last Wednesday gathering of
the Spring.

Please RSVP to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, May 25 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10

Offering Envelopes

Thank you to all who generously give to CHBC. Your faithful giving of your time, talent, and resources sustain our ministries, support those in need, and help us share Christ's love in our community. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and stewardship.

CHBC Offering envelopes are a great option for people who prefer to give by check or cash through the offering plate on Sunday or by turning the envelopes in through the slot in the bookkeeper's door in the church office.

If you would like to receive envelopes OR if you are currently receiving envelopes and no longer need them, and have not already been contacted for any updates please email Melanie Bunger (melaniebunger@chbcky.org) or the Church Office (churchoffice@chbcky.org).

A Message from the Social Justice Team Firearm Safe Surrender Event

Grace Hope Presbyterian Church (702 E Breckinridge Street) will be hosting a firearm safe-surrender event on **Sunday, May 31 from 2 PM-4 PM**. If you have any unwanted guns, bring them to the event - unloaded and in the rear of your vehicle. Guns will be removed from your vehicle and serial numbers will be recorded. The disabling and reconstruction of gun materials will be forged into tools, art, or jewelry at a later date. For more information, contact guns2gardenslouisville@gmail.com.



May

31

2PM - 4PM

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 Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; Tina Marvin; June Bailey; Eh Thaw Thaw; Jane Rose-Zupetz; Stephen R. Holt; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Tom Doyon; Marjorie Ash; Donnie Murphy; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Amelia Debusman's sister, Becky Thomas; Kat Goodman's friends, Martin Ross and Danny Campbell; Judy Pessolano's mother, Joyce White and her nephew, David Pessolano; Sharon Smith's cousin, Eugene Friend; and Ann Cottone's father, John Revel. For those affected by the conflict in the Middle East. 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.

