

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 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

Margaret Graves

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

In Green Pastures

Harold Darke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together today in this sacred space to seek your presence, O Source of All.

All: Many competing voices call for our attention. We come seeking your peace.

Leader: Source of Peace, we, at times, find your calming voice hard to hear.

All: Quiet our minds that we may hear your voice through the proclamation of the Word, music, message, prayers, and the gifts of bread and wine.

Leader: We come to you, Fountain of Love, hoping to learn to love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: Open our hearts to your Love, that we may praise you with joy and gratitude. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise My Soul the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All within me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; Adapter: Ecumenical Women's Center, 1974

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES: PEW BIBLE, 233

1 Peter 2:2-10

Brohm Garlove

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal

priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

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

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 336 2 Kings 5:8-14 Dr. Lewis Brogdon

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *When God Does Not Make Sense* Dr. Lewis Brogdon

LITANY OF RESPONSE Annette Ellard

Leader: We praise you, O God, for the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: He became flesh and lived among us.

Leader: He showed us how to live in the way you had planned for us.

All: To love God, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to have faith that you are in control.

Leader: He has conquered death and calls to us.

All: Let us answer that call, joyfully following the one whose love transforms all of life, even ours.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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 REFLECTION 45 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Sacred Harp
Chancel Choir Ensemble arr. James D. Cram

Please see text on hymn number 45 in your hymnal.

*EASTER DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMUNION CONFESSION Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Leader: God of mystery and grace, your ways are higher than our ways.

People: And your thoughts are beyond our understanding.

Leader: Yet we confess, we struggle to trust what we cannot explain.

People: We question your ways and resist your call.

Leader: Like Naaman, we want blessing on our own terms.

People: We turn away when your way does not make sense to us.

Leader: Forgive us for our pride and our doubt.

People: Cleanse us and make us whole.

Leader: As we come to this table, meet us with your grace.

People: Teach us to trust you and follow where you lead.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*HYMN BEFORE COMMUNION 772

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

FOR THE BREAD

For the bread, which you have broken
For the wine, which you have poured,
For the words, which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us,
Help us to obey your word;
In the world, to which you send us,
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Louis F. Benson, 1924, alt.

By these pledges that you love us,
By the gift of peace restored,
By your call to Heaven above us,
Consecrate our lives, O Lord.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Beginning with those seated at the back of the sanctuary, as directed by an usher, please come down the aisle to receive the bread and cup. If you do not wish to come forward, please raise your hand when your row is dismissed and we will serve you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Author of Life

Richard Shephard

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread, furnished with mystic
Wine and everlasting Bread, Preserve the life thyself hast giv'n, and feed and train us up for heav'n.
Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love, till all thy life we gain, and all thy fullness prove.
And strengthened by thy perfect grace, behold without a veil, thy face. *John Wesley, 1703-1791*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All in Unison: O Christ, you have opened to us the scriptures, and have been known to us in the breaking of the bread: Stay with us, we pray, that we may depart in the strength of your presence and your truth, as we walk in love for you, for one another, and for the world.

*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 519

It is Well with My Soul

NYLAND

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought,
my sin – not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
"Even so –" it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Festival March

Philip Moore

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

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Today's Worship Leaders

Annette Ellard, and her husband, Steve Clark have served as CBF Global Missions Field Personnel since 2006. Annette and Steve serve as ministers for refugees from Burma here in Louisville. Steve and Annette welcome the Karen, Chin, Karenni and others from Burma while encouraging others to build relationships with these refugees and partner in ministries to meet their spiritual and physical needs. Annette has been a member of CHBC since 1990.

Brohm Garlove has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church since 2025. He is a 17-year-old student at Kentucky Country Day School, where he plays football and baseball. Along with sports, he is a photographer and spends time shooting sports games and other events. Brohm is a Louisville native and has lived here his whole life. In his free time, Brohm enjoys spending time with friends, watching football games, and going out to eat.

Margaret Graves and her husband, David have been longtime members of CHBC. She enjoys reading, connecting with new and old friends (especially around tables for meals and conversation), and also enjoys her time as a teacher in the Preschool Area on Sundays.

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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 3

- 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)
- 12:00 Church Council Meeting (Library)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery
- Pickleball (Gym)

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 12:00 Game Day (Library)
- 12:30 Staff Meeting (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Examining the Song of Songs Part 1 (Fellowship Hall)
- Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

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.

May

5

12:00 PM

Game Day!

Roll the dice and practice your poker face for game day! Meet in the parlor **Tuesday, May 5 at 12 PM**. Be sure to bring your lunch and your favorite games!



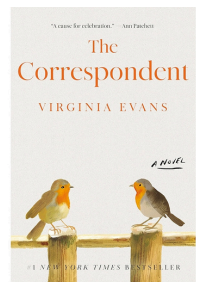
May

28

7:00 PM

Reading Group

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!



Part-time Job Available at Just Creations

Just Creations, Louisville's Fair Trade Marketplace, is seeking a part-time Sales Associate to work 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM Monday-Friday. Requirements: communication and organizational skills; commitment to Fair Trade and the mission of Just Creations. Send letter and resume by May 15 to: Just Creations, 2722 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206; or email info@justcreations.org.



May

31

2PM - 4PM

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.



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

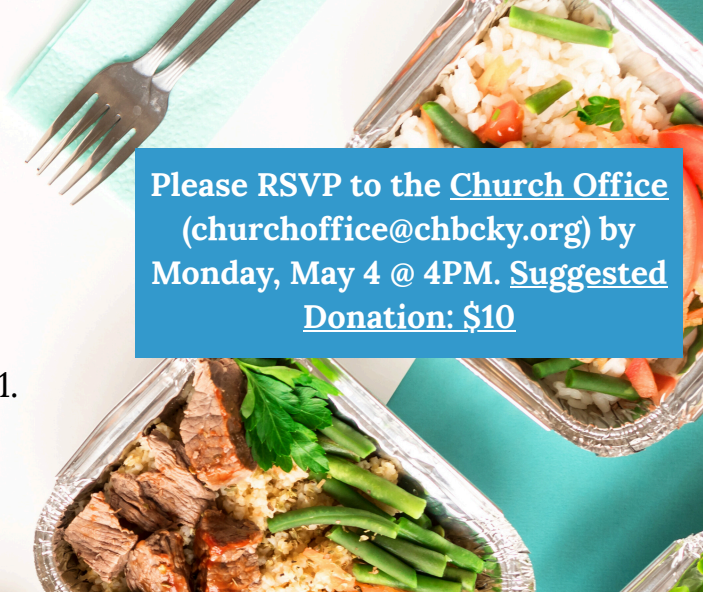
Wednesday, May 6

Menu (5 PM): TBD

Program (6 PM): Examining the Song of Songs Part 1.

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

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



Thank you for Adopting the Little Free Pantry!

April: Barnabas Class

May: Women's Group

June: Solidarity Class

While the sponsoring groups take the responsibility for stocking the pantry twice a week, the food collections every third Sunday help supplement their efforts!

Please consider helping stock our food pantry by bringing non-perishable food items and hygiene products every third Sunday to CHBC. Thank you!



If you have a group or team that is interested in adopting and stocking the Little Free Pantry for a month, please contact a member of the Missions Response Team!

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, Judy Pessolano's mother, Joyce White and her nephew, David Pessolano; Nate Creech's aunt, Laura Stewart and his Grandmother, Janice Creech; Sharon Smith's cousin, Eugene Friend; Kat Goodman's friend, Danny Campbell; Ann Cottone's father, John Revel; Annie Hammon's niece; Nancy; and Joyce Deboe's friend, Phyllis. 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.

