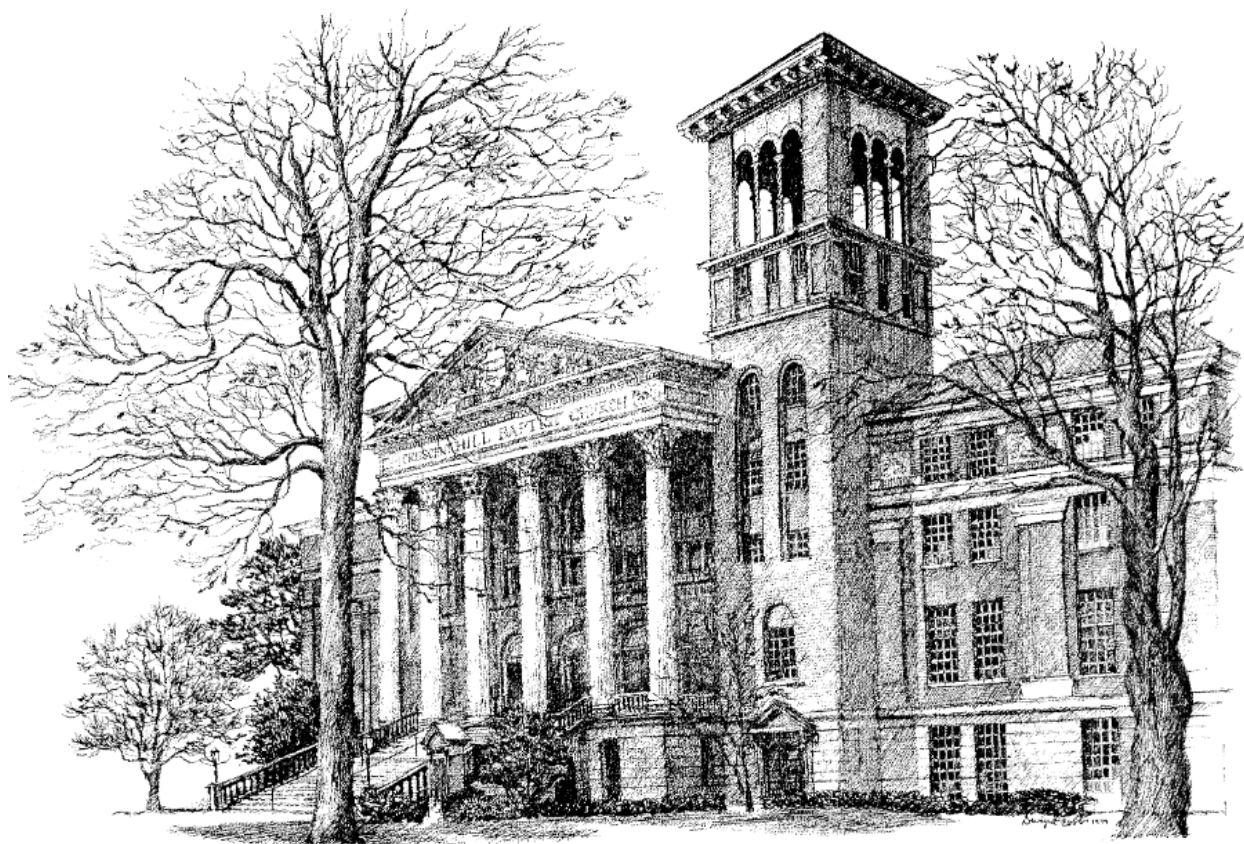




THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



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 Claypool

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

Tranquilly

C. Hubert H. Parry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to open our eyes to the world around us.

People: **Open our eyes, O God, that we may truly see.**

Leader: To see the neighbor who is hurting, the stranger who is forgotten, and those whose suffering is too easily overlooked.

People: **Open our hearts, O God, that we may be moved with compassion.**

Leader: Christ calls us not only to see, but to follow in the way of love.

People: **Give us courage to love not only in words, but in truth and action.**

Leader: May our worship shape us into people whose eyes are open, whose hearts are tender, and whose lives are generous.

People: **Teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who sees us, loves us, and calls us to do likewise.

People: **Let us worship God together.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 3

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT

Holy God, we praise your name!
Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on Earth thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore you;
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Lo! the apostolic train
Join your sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you,
While in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you;
Then adoring bend the knee,
And confess the mystery.

Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 557

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCOTT

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key,
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. **Refrain**

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with Thy children thus to share. **Refrain**

Clara H. Scott, 1895

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, 163

Romans 14:1-12

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable to God.

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Opening Our Eyes

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leslie Picken

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.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Leader: All that we have and all that we are come from God.

People: With gratitude, we return a portion of these gifts in worship and service.

Leader: God invites us to use our time, talents, resources, and opportunities for the common good.

People: May our lives bear witness to the generosity of God.

Leader: Receive these gifts, O Lord, and use them for the work of Your kingdom.

People: May they bring hope to the weary, healing to the broken, and justice to the world. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES & OUR GIFTS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

James Kirkby

*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. Amen.

Roger Lynn

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 697

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north,
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

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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

Melanie Claypool was raised in Mississippi but was born in Louisville while her father was at Southern Baptist Seminary. Prior to retiring in 2022, she served as Director of Provider Network Management for Passport by Molina in Louisville. While attending Mississippi College, Dr. John R. Claypool, Rowan's dad, was her pastor. Rowan and Melanie reconnected after Dr. Claypool's passing and married in 2012. Together, they have three married sons, 3 grandchildren, Beatrice, Celine, Cal and another granddaughter due in March 2027.

Arnold Hook has been an active member of CHBC for about the past 15 years. He currently serves on the Finance Committee and as Assistant Treasurer.

Leslie Picken and her husband, Bob have been Louisville residents for over 6 years. Leslie serves on the Social Justice Team and Bob serves on the Personnel Team. In her own words she says, "I love this church. This building, these people, the Living Gospel being preached, the idea of the wide arms of Christ, I love it all. This is home."

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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, SEPTEMBER 13

- 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 Personnel Team Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Bill Thomason Presents:
Civil War Film Study
(Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

Food Pantry Collection Day

Next Sunday, September 20



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.

September

13

5:00 PM

The Big Table: City-Wide Gathering

What if one shared meal could make Louisville feel a little more connected? The Big Table is a citywide gathering that brings people from across our community together to share food, stories, and conversation. There are no speeches and no agenda. Everyone is welcome. Come on your own, bring your family or friends, or invite someone whose voice you think should be at the table. **Join us Sunday, September 13, from 5-7 PM at Iroquois Park. Learn more and register at thebigtable.us.**



September

19

2:00 PM

Save the Date:

2026 William M. Johnson Lecture Series

The 2026 Johnson Lecture welcomes Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, President and CEO of Interfaith Alliance, for an engaging and timely conversation about courage, democracy, and the role of faith in public life. Drawing from history and contemporary challenges, Rev. Raushenbush will explore how diverse faith traditions can become forces for hope, justice, and resistance to extremism. Tickets are \$23.18/each. Scan the QR Code for more information.



A Message from the Building and Chapel Team

At the August Ministry Forum, the congregation voted to continue the Chapel renovation. Estimates were obtained for the flooring and chairs and cost projections were completed. We have been earnestly looking to rehome the pews for the last few months and recently listed them on Usedpews.org and Facebook Marketplace.

We are pursuing a number of leads on rehoming the Chapel pews this month. John Arnett has loosened all the bolts holding the pews in place. We still plan to keep 6 to place around the walls. We are looking at comparisons of all the bids we have gathered and are trying to determine feasibility. (reliability and experience of the company, product quality, durability, cost, colors). We expect to move into the flooring installation in October.

Funeral & Cremation Pre-Planning Seminar

Join us on September 22 at 11:30 AM for an informative seminar to learn the benefits of pre-planning for you and your loved ones. **This seminar is for families of Crescent Hill Baptist and St. Mark's Episcopal and will take place at Arch L. Heady and Son - Cralle Funeral Home (2428 Frankfort Ave).** Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited, please RSVP by calling (502) 396-7984.

September

22

11:30 AM



Reading Group Book Share

The Crescent Hill Reading Group would like to invite all book lovers to join us **Thursday, September 24 at 7PM in the Parlor** as we kick off our new reading year! Come prepared to share your favorite book from the past year. We are not a religious study group; we read both novels and nonfiction. We welcome all interested people to our table. Come join us for lively conversation. Contact: Bobbie Thomason: bobbijt@icloud.com

September

24

7:00 PM



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Wednesday, September 16

Menu (5 PM): Gracious Plenty Baked Chicken Casserole, Vegetable, Salad and a Dessert.

Program (6 PM): Bill Thomason presents, *Civil War*, Alex Garland's 2024 film parable about the dangers to America that the current fractures in our public life could lead to.

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

Please RSVP to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, September 14 @ 4PM.
Suggested Donation: \$10

Fall Fish Fry Festival Benefiting UCHM

You are invited to the 2nd annual Fall Festival Fish Fry on **September 26 from 4 PM to 8 PM**. This event will take place on the front lawn of Crescent Hill Baptist Church and St. Mark's Episcopal and the proceeds will go towards benefiting United Crescent Hill Ministries. Enjoy music, games, and food options like kids' meals, hot dogs, and beverages.

September

26

4:00 PM



You are Invited to Dinner! RSVP by September 20



Six families will be hosting meals at their respective homes, and the guest list will be a surprise!

Participants will be assigned to a home for a surprise gathering, where everyone brings a dish to share (hosts provide the main course). The host will contact you with details, and 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. This event is open to all, including nonmembers and friends!

Three dates are available: September 25th, 26th, and 27th. Please sign up, rank your preferences, and inform about any food or pet allergies by September 20th to Leslie Picken (lesliepick@yahoo.com or 734-904-0881).

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 the Seiffert family and friends upon the passing of Gordon Seiffert.

We pray for HB Brady; David and Adrienne Eisenmenger; Donnie Murphy; Bonnie Lyons; Joyce Deboe; Danny Raymer; Kris Brady; Margaret McCollum; Jackie Shahroudi Williams; Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; June Bailey; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Marjorie Ash; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and Lolly Tucker. Also, Kat Goodman's mother, Barbara Womack; Rickey Bayman's sister, Shelia Gravit; Ken Duckworth and his family; Sydney Gardner's friend, Lauren Hibberd; Margaret McCollum's nephew; Amy Brogdon's sister, Patty Issacs; Nate Creech's cousins, Sarah & Demond; Susan Lockwood's grandson, Quinn Wright; Milton Gardner's great-grandson, Kingston Gardner; Amelia Debusman's sister, Becky Thomas; Kat Goodman's friends, Martin Ross and Danny Campbell; and Sharon Smith's cousin, Eugene Friend. 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.

