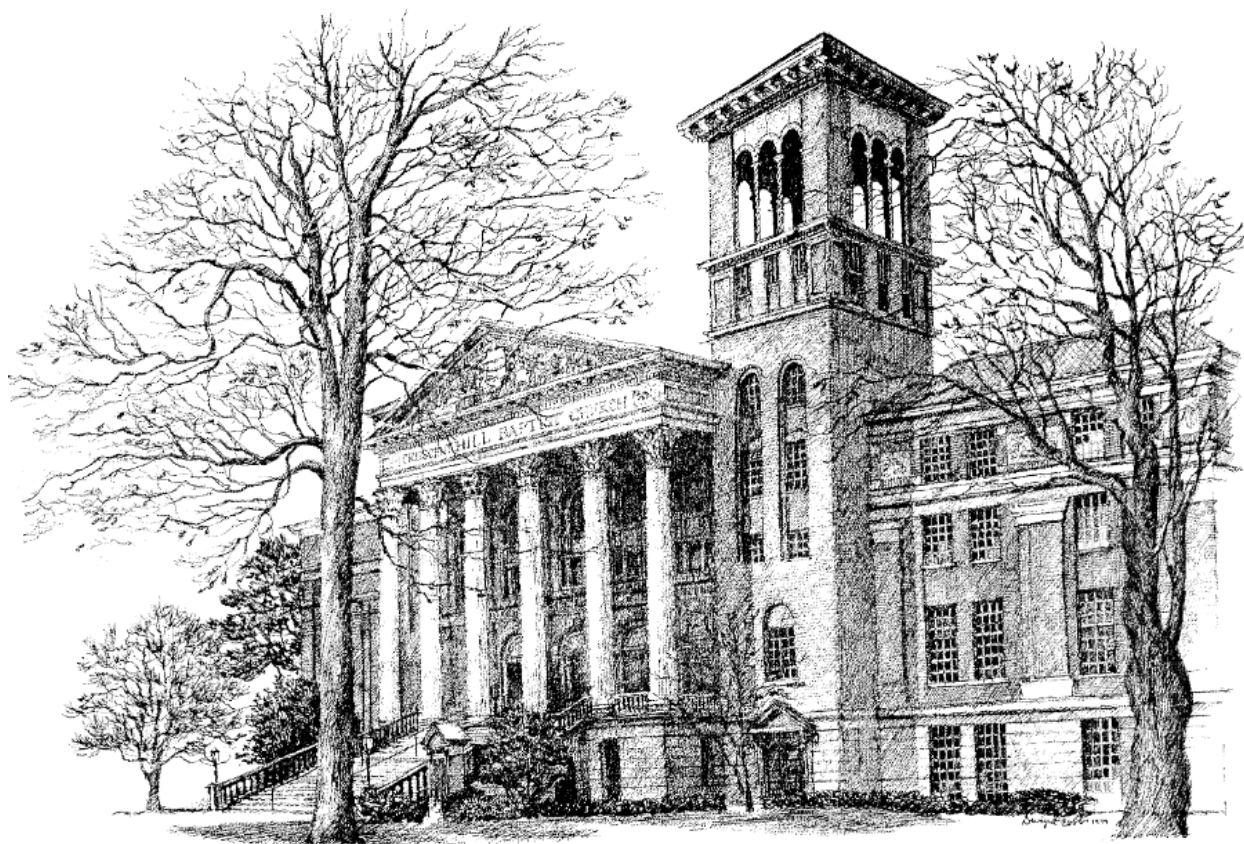




THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



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 as the Prelude begins.*

PRELUDE

Marche Joyeuse

June Nixon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather before the God from whom every good gift comes.**People:** **We come with gratitude for the blessings we have received.****Leader:** God does not bless us so that we might live only for ourselves.**People:** **We are blessed so that we might become a blessing.****Leader:** So let us open our hearts to God and our lives to one another.**People:** **May we receive with gratitude, hold with humility, and give with generosity.****Leader:** Come, let us worship the God of abundant grace.**People:** **Let us worship God together.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 353

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of night,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 10

Genesis 12:1-3

Michael Smith

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 379

For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gift to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that surround us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green, 1970

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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, 162

Romans 13:8-14

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adrienne Eisenmenger

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

James Cram

*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY

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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 COMMUNION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

This is a Day of New Beginnings
Nolan Anthony, piano

Mark Hayes

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Dr. Brogdon: Holy God, Giver of all good gifts,

**All: We thank you for feeding us with these symbols of your presence in the form of bread and wine.
May they nourish us to do the work that you have given us to do; To love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 374

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Celebration

Rosalie Bonighton

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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

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 our 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.

Adrienne Eisenmenger is the Family & Youth Services Manager/Program Leader at Kentucky Refugee Ministries. She joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 2017 along with her husband, David. Adrienne and David lead the Sunday school class titled, "The Inspire Class" for youngish adults.

Michael Smith has been a member of CHBC since 2018. He grew up in Elizabeth, IN. Michael received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bellarmine University with a major in theology and a minors in music and psychology. He completed a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. CHBC ordained him to the Gospel ministry on October 31, 2021. Michael completed a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with Norton Hospital and now serves as a chaplain at Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, KY. Michael loves singing, cooking, and reading in his spare time.

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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 6

- 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 (Library)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church Office Closed - Labor Day

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 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 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.

A Message from Joyce Deboe

"We are Family..."

A sincere thank you for your prayers and support during my recovery.



September

8

9:15 AM

Art Spirit

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the Youth Room **Tuesday, September 8 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!

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.**



Thank you

Go CHBC!

Thank you again to everyone who helped and volunteered their time to park cars during the St. Joe's Picnic. Together, we raised \$2,744! This money will go towards supporting the missions and ministries of CHBC. Thank you!



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.



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



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Wednesday, September 9

Menu (5 PM): Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Rolls and a Dessert!

Program (6 PM): Bill Thomason presents, *A Hidden Life* Film Study, Terrence Malick's 2019 film about the Austrian farmer, Franz Jaegerstaetter, who refused to sign a loyalty oath to Hitler.

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

Please RSVP to the Church Office
(churchoffice@chbcky.org) by
Monday, September 7 @ 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 Kathryn West-Pfingston and her family upon the passing of her father, Rob West.

We pray for Gordon Seiffert; Bonnie Lyons; Joyce Deboe; Danny Raymer; Kris Brady; Margaret McCollum; Jackie Shahrودي Williams; Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; June Bailey; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Marjorie Ash; Donnie Murphy; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and Lolly Tucker. Also, 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.

