

# The Worship of God
# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
# October 11, 2026

Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 11, 2026 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 10:45 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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 Bunger

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 *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* arr. Diane Bish

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There are times for words, and there are times simply to be present.
**People: God meets us in both speech and silence.**
Leader: We gather with those who rejoice and with those who mourn.
**People: We will bear one another's burdens and walk beside one another in love**
Leader: May this community become a place of presence, compassion, and grace.
**People: Together, let us worship the God who never leaves us alone.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 336 *God is My Great Desire* LEONI

God is my great desire,
his face I seek the first;
to him my heart and soul aspire,
for him I thirst.
As one in desert lands,
whose very flesh is flame,
in burning love I lift my hands
and bless his name.

God is my true delight,
my richest feast his praise,
through silent watches of the night,
through all my days.
To him my spirit clings,
on him my soul is cast;
beneath the shadow of his wings
he holds me fast.

God is my strong defense
in every evil hour;
in him I face with confidence
the tempter's power.
I trust his mercy sure
with truth and triumph crowned:
my hope and joy forevermore
in him are found.

*Psalm 63, para. Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1982*

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER: PEW BIBLE, 501 Psalm 23 Amelia Debusman

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 638 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone;
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

*Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938*

*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, 454 Job 2:11-13 Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *Just Leave Me in the Ashes* Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Melinda Stricklen

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 — *I'll Talk to My Father for You* — Ronny Hinson

Rickey Bayman, vocal & piano

If you've got a problem, I'd sure like to share.
There's one special way I can show you I care.
I could offer you my opinion,
that might prove untrue,
For the only sure answer here's what I'll do:

I will talk to my Father for you,
And if I know my Father, here's what He'll do.
He will lay at your feet, all the things you pursue,
It's no bother for my Father, He will do it for you.

I have never prayed fire down from the sky,
But the Father has seen each tear
that has ever fell from these eyes.
So if you've got a mountain,
that alone you can't climb,
I'll take your heavy burdens and I'll make them light.

Let me talk to my Father for you,
And if I know my Father, here's what He'll do.
He will lay at your feet all the things you pursue,
It's no bother for my Father, He will do it for you.

*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 648 — *O Jesus, I Have Promised* — ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control:
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory,
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

*John E. Bode, 1866*

BENEDICTION — Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE — *Postlude on "Old Hundredth"* — Fred Bock

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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.

• Listening devices are available for use. Please see an usher or a member of our Tech Team for assistance. Our Technology Team members are: Chris Jones, Eileen Bartlett, John Arnett and Darrell Adams.

# Today's Worship Leaders

**Rickey Bayman** has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church for 10 years with his husband, Mark. They have been married for 9 years, together 17 years & live in Henry County. Rickey is 1 of 9 children & is from Beaver Dam, Kentucky. He has retired from being a certified nursing assistant for over 25 years. He currently fills his time by being a substitute teacher for Henry County Public Schools.

**Melanie Debusman Bunger** was born into Crescent Hill Baptist Church. Growing up here has endeared CHBC to a special place in her heart and she has severed in many ways over the years. She loves being with her family including mom-Amelia Debusman, husband-Brian Bunger, their two children – Rachel and William, son-in-law - Ryan Miranda and their new grandchild, Alexander. Melanie is employed at Norton Healthcare as an accountant. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, reading and cooking.

**Amelia Debusman** first joined CHBC as a seminary student in 1957; she spent time away once she married but then returned and rejoined in 1960. She and her family have been involved in many activities put on by the church over the years. 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.

**Melinda Stricklen** worked for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd who founded Maryhurst most of her professional life. She hails from Tuscaloosa, AL and is a life long BAMA fan. She has a sweet shih-poo puppy and will be glad to show you pictures.

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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.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

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 Cookie Reception (Heritage Hall)
Personnel Team Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 Divorce Recovery

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 Silas House Book Presentation (Sanctuary)
6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)
7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Women's Retreat at Clifty Falls

**Food Pantry Collection Day**

**Next Sunday, October 18**



# 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 (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.

# Crescent Hill This Week

October 11, 2026



## Cookie Reception after Worship

As we reflect on living a generous life we want to thank everyone for the many ways you support CHBC and the work that God is calling us to do. Thank you for attending worship, welcoming people, offering prayers, helping neighbors, supporting missions, preparing meals, visiting the sick and homebound, helping neighbors, teaching classes, giving of your time, talent and treasures, being church to both the stranger and one another. **Join us immediately following worship today in Heritage Hall for a punch, cookies and fellowship.** If you can not stay, "to go" cookies are available in a basket by the door. **2027 Pledge Cards are available in your bulletins. If you prefer to fill out your Pledge Card digitally, please scan the QR Code.**

October 13 9:15 AM

## Art Spirit

Bring your artwork or art supplies to the Youth Room **Tuesday, October 13 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!



October 15 Deadline

## Help Create This Year's Advent Book

We invite everyone in the Crescent Hill family to help create this year's Advent book. Contributions may include personal stories or reflections about hope, peace, joy or love, and the meaning of Advent; Scripture-based prayers or meditations; poems or songs; and original artwork. **Please send your contribution to Blake or Victoria Ragsdell by October 15.** We hope the book will reflect the many voices, experiences & creative gifts within our congregation.



October 24 10:00 AM

## A Message from the Soical Justice Team
## Louisville Earth Walk

Join us for the 10th Annual EarthWalk on **Saturday, October 24, from 10 AM-12 PM** at Seneca Park. This family-friendly, free event features an optional non-competitive 2K walk celebrating our planet and supporting a future where every neighborhood has clean air, safe water, and healthy soil. Fun activities include upcycled costume contest, free caricatures, prizes and more. CHBC is a sponsor and donations support local environmental organizations. For more info go to *louisvilleeaerthwalk.org*.



November 6 7:00 PM

## Family Showcase-November 6

Let's have a fun evening together, sharing music and stories by members of our family here at Crescent Hill. **This is a call for volunteers and talents of all kinds!** Anything will be considered for the showcase, and if your talent is to make a nice dessert, we're happy to receive that as well! The "admission fee" will be a staple food item for the UCHM food pantry. Reach out to Alice Adams, Darrell Adams or Victoria Ragsdell if you wish to participate.



# WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

**Please make or cancel your reservations to the Church Office (churchoffice@chbcky.org) by Monday, October 12 @ 4PM. Suggested Donation: $10**



**Wednesday, October 14**

**Menu (5 PM):** McAlisters Sandwich Wraps, Chips, Broccoli Salad and a Dessert.

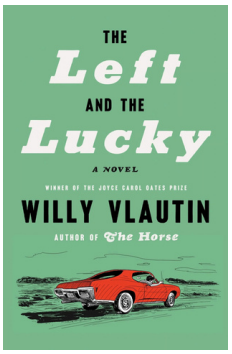
**Program (6:30 PM):** Silas House presents, his new novel, *The Tulip Poplars*. This is a community event hosted by Carmichael's Bookstore.

**Choir Practice** in the Choir Room.

October 29 7:00 PM

## Reading Group

On **Thursday, October 29 at 7 PM,** the Reading Group will be led by Kat Goodman in a discussion of *The Left and the Lucky*, a novel by Willy Vlautin. All are invited to join us at the end of the month!




November 12

## 2026 Festival of Faiths

Join us at the 30th annual Festival of Faiths as we celebrate ***Sacred Courage*** and explore the many ways we can lead with radical love, stand for justice and embody bravery rooted in purpose. Through dialogue, workshops, art and music, the festival will foster a courageous compassion that honors our interdependence, calls us toward the common good and emboldens us to act. CHBC Interim Pastor, **Dr. Brogdon will be the Moderator during the panel discussion on November 12!**




## *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 Beth Milstead; Phyllis Skonicki; Charlotte Beason; Marjorie Ash and her son; 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; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and Lolly Tucker. Also, Annie Hammon's brother-in-law, Jim Holladay; Kat Goodman's mother and friends, Barbara Womack, Martin Ross and Danny Campbell; Rickey Bayman's sister, Shelia Gravil; 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; and Amelia Debusman's sister, Becky Thomas. 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 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.