

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2026

Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2026 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 10:45 AM

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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 Bobbie Thomason

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 *"Andante" from Sonata. No. 5 Op. 65* Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come before a God greater than our understanding.
People: We come with faith seeking understanding.
Leader: We bring what we know and what we believe—and also what we cannot explain.
People: Give us wisdom enough to speak and humility enough to listen.
Leader: May our questions deepen our faith rather than diminish it.
People: With wonder and humility, let us worship God together.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert and art,
and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Herber, 1826, alt.

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 80 Exodus 33:12-23 Amy Brogdon

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a

cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 538 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

I need Thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.

Refrain:
I need Thee, O I need Thee;
every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
stay Thou nearby;
temptations lose their pow'r
when Thou art nigh. ***Refrain.***

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain. ***Refrain.***

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son. ***Refrain.***

Annie S. Hawks, 1872

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, 458 Job 8:1-10, 20-22 Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered: "How long will you say these things, and the words of your mouth be a great wind? Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert the right? If your children sinned against him, he delivered them into the power of their transgression. If you will seek God and make supplication to the Almighty, if you are pure and upright, surely then he will rouse himself for you and restore to you your rightful place. Though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great. "For inquire now of bygone generations and consider what their ancestors have found, for we are but of yesterday, and we know nothing, for our days on earth are but a shadow. Will they not teach you and tell you and utter words out of their understanding? "See, God will not reject a blameless person, nor take the hand of evildoers. He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy. Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, and the tent of the wicked will be no more."

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *Your Theology Does Not Have All the Answers* Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE David Graves

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 *Day by Day* Mark Schweizer

O Holy Jesus, merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, gentle loving Savior, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly, day by day by day, by day.

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*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 365 *Abide with Me* EVENTIDE

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry F. Lyte, 1847

BENEDICTION Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 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.

• 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

David Graves first joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 1956, and served as our Minister to Youth while in graduate school. During his career, he was the Executive Director of the Home of the Innocents, Brooklawn, and then interim director of numerous nonprofit human services agencies.

Bobbie Thomason has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church since 1965. She was a music assistant for years before becoming the organist here, at CHBC. Bobbie has also worked with the children over the years. Her main career was teaching first grade and being Lower School Director at Kentucky Country Day School. She loved teaching children to read! Bobbie leads the church Reading Group and is a member of the Memorial Team. She and her husband, Bill, love to travel, watch movies, and collect books.

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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:

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA — Serving as the hands and feet of Christ
cbf Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE
Alliance of Baptists
awab Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Food Pantry Collection Day

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 Finance Team Meeting (Parlor)
2:00 Moms Demand Action Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Chris Conver presents: *The Portrayal of Redemption in Batman* (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)
7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 Chapel Painting
2:00 Jose Chipe's Celebration of Life Service (Sanctuary)

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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 18, 2026

October 18 2:00 PM

Moms Demand Action Meeting Today

All are invited to the next Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense meeting held here at CHBC in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 18, at 2 PM.** A representative from Everytown for Gun Safety will lead us in implementing a plan of action for Louisville to reduce gun trafficking. There are 5 key steps we can take to make our city safer. Please consider helping with this important initiative.

October 20 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 20.** We hope the book will reflect the many voices, experiences & creative gifts within our congregation.



Christmas Boxes to Support Eastern Kentucky

The holidays are fast approaching! It is time to begin preparing for Scarlette Jasper's annual Christmas box drive to support those in need in Eastern Kentucky.



1) **Boxes will be ready for adoption on Sunday, October 18** both in the Narthex and Birchwood Lobby. Feel free to take more than one! Our church goal this year is to fill 100 boxes!
2) Please return the boxes to the Library in Birchwood Lobby on or before **November 8.**

Please also join us in congratulating Scarlett Jasper on her recent marriage attended by Melanie Claypool, Allen Bartlett and Annette Ellard!

A Message from the Soical Justice Team
Louisville Earth Walk

October 24 10:00 AM

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*.



October 24-25

Chapel Painting Volunteers Needed

Chapel painting will begin **Saturday October 24th from 9A.M.-2 P.M. and Sunday October 25th from 12:30-3:30 P.M.**
Wear your painting duds and bring what brushes and rollers you might have. Come for a few hours or stay longer. Lunch will be provided. Please let Carolyn Fegenbush know your availability.



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Please make or cancel your reservations to the Church Office (churchoffice@chbcky.org) by Monday, October 19 @ 4PM. Suggested Donation: $10



Wednesday, October 21

Menu (5 PM): Cracker Barrel – Ham Buffet Style, Carrots, Apples, Green Beans and a Dessert.

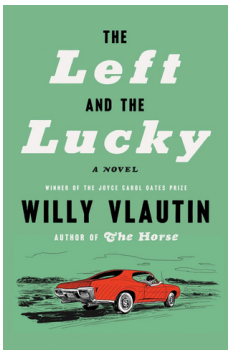
Program (6 PM): Chris Conver presents: *The Portrayal of Dedemption in Batman.*

Choir Practice (7 PM) 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 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.



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.