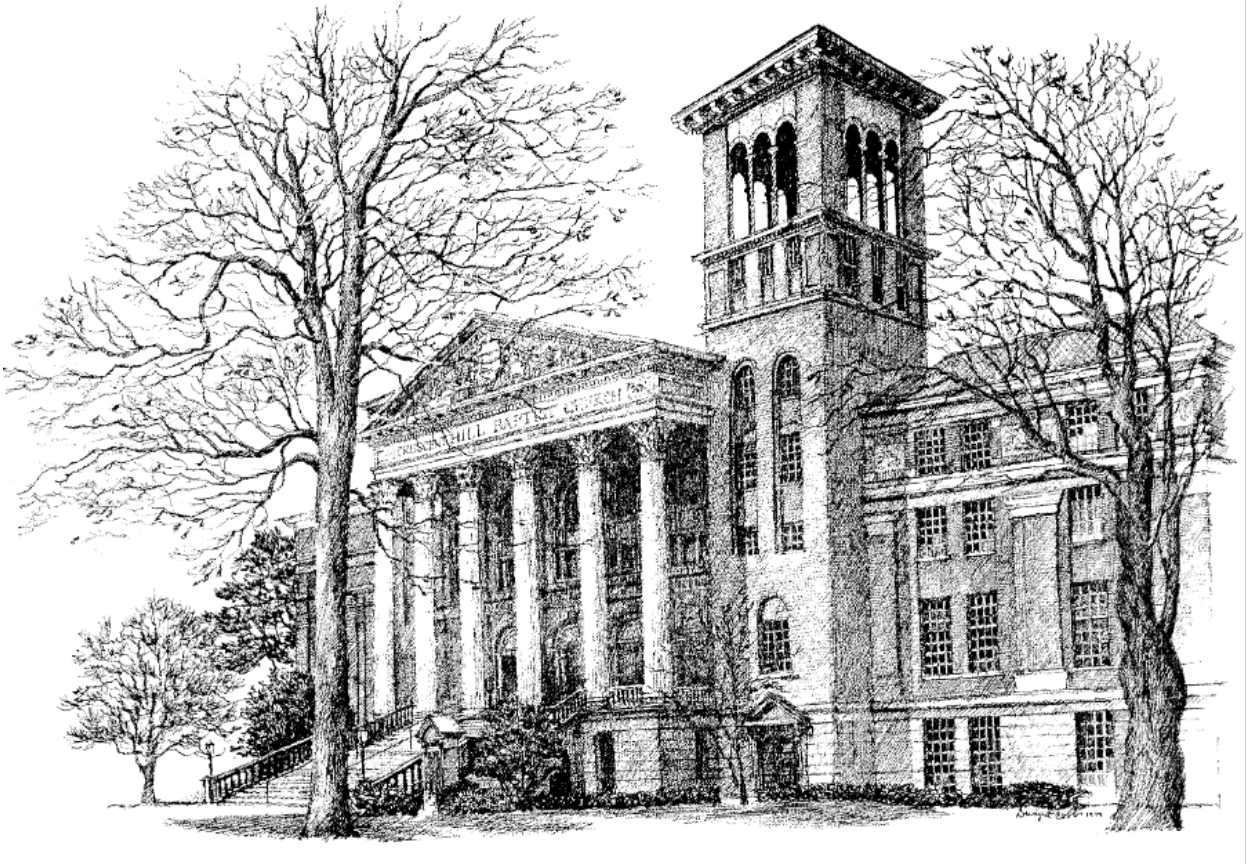


THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 10:45 AM

TWENTY-FOURTH 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 Brent Bowden

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 *Adagio from "Sonata no. 1 Op. 65"* Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in a world wounded by division, bitterness, injustice, and strife.

People: We come seeking the peace of Christ and the courage to live differently.

Leader: The gospel proclaims that repentance is possible, lives can be transformed, and those who were lost can be found.

People: Open our hearts to the possibility of change, and teach us to celebrate the transforming power of your grace.

Leader: God calls us to move beyond resentment and condemnation, making room for repentance, forgiveness, and new beginnings.

All: Let us worship the God who restores lives and makes all things new. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.

Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER: PEW BIBLE, 532 Psalm 70 Ed Canada

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me! Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me. Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

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

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 60 *Great is thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. ***Refrain***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. ***Refrain***

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:11-28a (NIV) Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY *An Unexpected Obstacle to Change* Dr. Lewis Brogdon

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Anna Bowden

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: THE GENEROUS LIFE Jack Stallins

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 *Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song* Hal Hopson

Sing to the Lord a joyful song.
Lift up your hearts.
Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Shout His Praises people everywhere.
Alleluia alleluia.

Praise Him for life, for rest and food.
Praise Him for eyes and ears to sense his world.
Praise Him for love and all that's true.
For all these things we praise Him.
Sing to the Lord a joyful song.
Lift up your hearts, Sing alleluia alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing to the Lord a joyful song.
Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*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 591 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John G. Whittier, 1872

BENEDICTION Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE *God of Grace* Paul Manz

The flowers in the baptistry today are given by Debbie & Nick Brashear in loving memory of Matthew Brashear, marking the second anniversary of his passing.

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Today's Worship Leaders

In her core, Anna Bowden believes that the questions people ask of life and in faith shape the way they view and treat others. She has put this abiding conviction to action as Associate Professor in New Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. From this position she is helping the church at large and those who are pursuing a call to ministry hone their curiosities to facilitate a more generous view of faith, a more inclusive church, and a more just and equitable world. When not in the classroom, Anna will likely be spending time with her adoring dog, Shiner, and her spouse, Rev. Brent Bowden.

Brent Bowden is driven by a pursuit of redemption in the world. Vocationally, this pursuit has taken the form of youth ministry, two senior pastorates in Austin, Texas and Rochester, New York, and now as the Director of Housing Finance at Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. When not engaged in one of these pursuits you might find Brent running Cherokee Park, on a golf course, or working on the home he shares with his spouse, Dr. Anna Bowden and their Yorkshire Terrier, Shiner.

Ed Canada has been a member at CHBC for over 25 years, and a member of the Barnabas class for much of that time. He and his wife, Cynthia, have 5 adult children and 3 grandchildren. After spending 46 years in various IT-related activities for a number of employers, he is hoping to figure out what to do when he grows up before too much more time passes.

Jack Stallins and his wife, Olivia, moved to Louisville two years ago and soon started attending Crescent Hill. Jack is a preacher's kid and teacher's kid from Rome, GA. He works as a college counselor for the college access nonprofit Lincoln Foundation, serving high school and college students from Louisville. He received an MFA in Poetry from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and has published a few of his poems.

Total Amount Pledged for 2027: $163,840 (Total Pledges received: 18)
If you prefer to fill out your Pledge Card digitally, please scan the QR Code.

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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, NOVEMBER 8

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 Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:15 Art Spirit (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 CHBC's Mission, Vision and Values Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)
7:00 Choir Practice (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

Food Pantry Collection Day

Next Sunday, November 15



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

November 8, 2026

2026 Festival of Faiths

November 12

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!**



Church-Wide Potluck

November 22 after worship

Join your church family **after worship on Sunday, November 22** for a church-wide potluck celebrating Thanksgiving and all we have to be thankful for. Turkey will be provided and you can help by providing a dish to share! Desserts, sides, casseroles, rolls, another main dish... test your Thanksgiving recipes before the big day! **Please fill out this form: https://tinyurl.com/Chbc-potluck and let us know what you'll bring!** Contact a member of the Hospitality Team, or email Hilary Jones at hhoomes@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Scan Here to Let Us Know What You are Bringing



A special thank you to these members of the Unlikely Saints Sunday School class for donating their time and resources to keep the LFP stocked in October 2026!

Susan Howell
Doug Lowry
Alice and Darrell Adams
Janet and Arnold Hook
Kim Kolb

Decorating for Advent and Christmas

November 22 after potluck

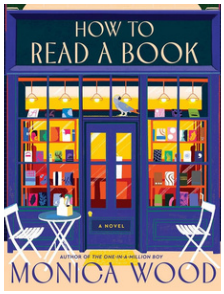
On Sunday, November 22, after the church-wide Thanksgiving Potluck, volunteers are invited to the Sanctuary to prepare it for the Advent season! A couple of specific needs include: climbing a ladder to hang wreaths on either side of the baptistry; decorating the communion table, the narthex, the doors, and Birchwood Lobby. Hopefully, we won't need more than a couple hours! **Contact Alice Adams (502) 507-5710) if can participate! Or, just show up!** Come make a day of it with dinner and decorating "on the grounds".



Reading Group

December 3 7:00 PM

Join us in Portland, Maine for a delightful story about a woman who runs the prison book club. We all need second chances and forgiveness. This hopeful and delightful story reminds us of the power of books to change our lives. We'll be discussing the novel *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood on **Thursday, December 3, in the church parlor.** All are welcome! Contact: Bobbie Thomason bobbijt@icloud.com



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL



Please make or cancel your reservations to the Church Office (churchoffice@chbcky.org) by Monday, November 9 @ 4PM. Suggested Donation: $10

Wednesday, November 11

Menu (5 PM): Taco Bar — beef, black beans, rice, soft shell tacos, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, queso and a dessert.

Program (6 PM): Church Council Chair, Kelley Woggon will discuss CHBC's Mission, Vision and Values.

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

United Crescent Hill Ministries Christmas Connection



United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) is seeking church sponsorships for its Christmas Connection Program. **Last year, CHBC donated $6,450, helping 43 children in the 40206 area!** A full sponsorship is $150 per child (providing a $100 retail gift card and a $50 Kroger gift card so parents can shop), but donations of any amount are welcome. **Donations must be received by UCHM by Monday, December 7th.**

Scan Here to Give Directly

To donate, write a check to UCHM with "Christmas Connection" in the memo and send it to UCHM, CHBC, or Karen Scott (2825 Brownsboro Road, 40206). For inquiries, contact Karen Scott at 502-299-5004 or kls3711@bellsouth.net.

December
13
10:45 AM

Handbell Ensemble for Lessons and Carols

Crescent Hill Baptist Church is having a Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 13th at 10:45am. Nolan Anthony would like to get a small handbell ensemble going, for two pieces specifically for that service. The first rehearsal for Lessons and Carols will be on November 15th after the church service. If you have questions or would like to participate in this, please contact Organist/Music Minister, Nolan Anthony at **nolan@chbcky.org**.



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 Olivia Doyon; Tom Schull; Rickey Bayman; Beth Milstead; Marjorie Ash and her son; Bonnie Lyons; Joyce Deboe; Danny Raymer; Kris Brady; Margaret McCollum; Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; 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; Susan Lockwood's grandson, Quinn Wright and Milton Gardner's great-grandson, Kingston Gardner. 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.