

Third



SUNDAY

IN LENT



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Andantino

Cesar Franck

† Call to Worship

David Murphy

Leader: Are any among us weary? Do we carry heavy burdens?

People: Here is a place of rest. Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.

Leader: Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busy-ness?

People: Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship, we meet the unhurried God.

Leader: Are any among us feeling brittle and broken, thirsty for the gospel?

People: Here we encounter Jesus, the living water — tranquil and ever-present.

Leader: Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for truth?

People: Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life — nourishment for the journey.

All: Thank you Lord for a promised rest. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#188

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. (Refrain)

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."
[Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we suffer. We suffer from this nature of sin that corrupts even our best attempts to please You. We suffer from brokenness that plagues us with self-centeredness and fear. We suffer from discontentment, from comparisons to others, from the worship of false gods. We run after every new and empty promise -- promises of security, ease, meaning or intimacy -- but it is all in vain, for only in You will we find true rest and peace. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our refusal to give up lordship of our lives, our forgetfulness of Your grace and faithfulness. Continue to call us back, and we thank You for never giving up on us.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#182 (1)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Thou Knowest, Lord, The Secrets Of Our Hearts

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; Shut not Thy merciful ears unto our prayers; But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Father, thou most worthy judge eternal. Suffer us not at our last hour for any pain of death to fall from Thee.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 14:9–13 (NRSV)

Then another angel, a third, followed them, crying with a loud voice, “Those who worship the beast and its image and receive the brand on their foreheads or on their hands, ¹⁰ they will also drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and they will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever.

There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the brand of its name.”

¹² Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 4

#776 (1,3,4,5)

O God, Be Gracious

O God be gracious; hear my prayer, and answer when I cry.
You give me hope in my distress; You will not pass me by.

When terror wakes me from my dreams
and shakes me through and through,
teach me to pray with confidence and put my trust in You.

Some fear that You will not provide; they cry,
“Show us Your face!”

But You have satisfied my heart with goodness, joy and grace.

Now lay me down to sleep in peace; in safety let me rest.

O God, within Your loving care I am forever blessed.

† **The Gospel Lesson:**

Matthew 11:28–30 (NRSV)

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

The Journey to Rest

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response** (tune: Rathbun)

#183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Come to Me, O weary traveler, come to Me with your distress,
come to Me you heavy burdened, come to Me and find your rest.

Do not fear, My yoke is easy, do not fear, My burden's light;
do not fear the path before you; do not run from Me in fright.

Take My yoke and leave your troubles;
take My yoke and come with Me.

Take My yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

Rest in Me, O weary traveler, rest in Me and do not fear.

Rest in Me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CARES

† **Doxology**

#711 (3)

Lord of All Good

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#840

It is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.

My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

Postlude

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

Johann G Walther

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *David Murphy*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 68

General Offering: \$1,149.00

Clean Start: \$20.00

Ashland Blazer YSC Food Drive: \$50.00

Online Offering: \$577.00

Total Offering: \$1,796.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► Sunday, March 23

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

► Monday, March 24

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

► Tuesday, March 25

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

► Wednesday, March 26

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Lenten Worship/Noon, CornerStone Methodist Church

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► Thursday, March 27

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

► Saturday, March 29

Clothing Swap, 1 p.m.

Community Lenten Services

The AAMA is sponsoring Community Lent Midweek Worship on Wednesdays during Lent. Each service begins at **noon** with lunch at **12:30 p.m.**

March 26—*CornerStone Methodist Church*

April 2—*Holy Family Catholic Church*

April 9—*First Christian Church (DoC)*

Clothing Swap

Ladies, you don't want to miss the fun on **Saturday, March 29** beginning at **1 p.m.** Please bring in your donated items as soon as possible. You may put them downstairs under the coat rack.

Barb will be at the church prepping for the clothing swap on the following days. Any help is appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 3/22: 11–2

Monday 3/24: 11–2

Tuesday 3/25: 5–6

Thursday 3/27: 12–3

Friday 3/28: 10:30–2

Please let Barb know when you plan on coming in case her schedule changes. If you need anything picked up or have questions, please contact Barb (606.922.6617).



Happy Birthday Kara!

Kara's Birthday Celebration!

Kara's birthday is coming soon, and we invite you to join in the celebration, following Morning Worship on **Sunday, March 30.** Kara has a special ministry with our children. Help us say thanks! The celebration will be in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.

Easter Flowers

You may order Easter flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex, or you can order online at fpcaky.org. The cost is \$15 each. Tulips, Lilies and Hyacinths are available. Orders are due by **Sunday, April 6**. Thank you for helping to decorate our church for Easter.



Flood Relief Items Needed

Once again, our Presbytery has experienced a natural disaster. This latest event hit across Kentucky but much of the worst damage was in the bounds of our Presbytery. The list of items needed is located on the table in the Narthex. We will collect items through March.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will receive this offering through **April 20**. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Thank you for your kind response.

Easter Jam



All children in 1st thru grade 6 and their families are invited to join us for our annual Easter Jam on **Sunday, April 13** following morning worship . We will have pizzas and chicken nuggets for lunch, followed by crafts, games and an Easter egg hunt. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Justice or Kelly Hanni. **We are**

currently collecting candy and novelty items for the BUNNY STORE. You may drop them off in the Narthex. Thanks in advance!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending March 20, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Walt Isaacs (Richard Isaacs' brother, Kelly Hanni's uncle)

Family of Ruby Jean Knight (Philip Lotspeich's grandmother)

Jim Price (Bettie George Frye)

Week ending March 13, 2025

Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Mikayla Montgomery (Nanette's niece)

Week ending March 6, 2025

Bob Poore

Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

Mary Vanderhoof (John Ferguson's mother)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Lee Hall; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber


Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)





A seasonal reminder


Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.


Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.


 plants grow here

 to coil and jump
(also a season of the year)

 to expand and get bigger




 seeds are planted in this

 when watered, these make plants

 another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____

_____  _____  _____
come up and a _____ causes

_____  _____, so the
_____  _____  _____

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _____ up before all nations.



ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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