



Pentecost

Sunday



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Presbyterian Women Presentation

Ann Wiseman

Prelude

Max Jackson

Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost

J S Bach

† **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 104)

Ryan Whitman

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, You are very great.

People: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

Leader: You stretch out the heavens like a tent; You make the clouds Your chariot;

People: You ride on the wings of the wind; You make the winds Your messengers, fire and flame Your ministers.

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May our meditations be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Leader: Let sinners be consumed from the earth and let the wicked be no more.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD! Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#289

On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing Inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from Heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Father, You see us in our sin and yet, You love us. We are so very grateful. And even when we continue on and on, over and over again with the same failings, Your grace never runs out. We praise You for Your faithfulness. We confess our inability to flee temptation apart from You. So, keep our eyes set ever on You. Holy Spirit continue to remind us of what is true and convict us of sin when it is necessary. Turn our hearts back to You. We receive Your forgiveness and believe that we are righteous in Your sight. Thank You, Father. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#232 (3)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Descend, O Heavenly Dove

Mark Schweizer

Lord God, the Holy Ghost, in this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost, descend in all Thy power;
We meet with one accord, in our appointed place,
And wait the promise of our Lord, by all adored, the Spirit of
Grace. Descend, O heavenly Dove, abide with us always;
And in the fullness of Thy Love, come from above and cleanse us
we pray. Like mighty rushing wind upon the waves beneath,
Move with one impulse every mind, one soul, one feeling breathe.
The young, the old inspire with wisdom from above;
O grant us gifts, and tongues of fire, hearts of desire, to pray.
Praise and love.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:22–28 (NRSV)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.²⁸ We know that all things work together^[r] for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

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

† The Gospel Lesson: John 16:1–11 (NRSV)

“I have said these things to you to keep you from falling away.
² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God.³ And they will do this because they have not known the Father or Me.⁴ But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning,

because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to Him who sent me, yet none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He comes, He will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

"Why I Need Pentecost"

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs; in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, and Thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

† **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 | Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CARES

† Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#295

Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Meditation

Chancel Choir

Mighty Spirit, All Transcending

W A Mozart | arr. Victoria Glaser

Mighty Spirit, all transcending, Fount of being, Light of life;
Passing all our understanding; in splendor veiled in mortal sight.
Hushed before Thee, now adoring, hearts in silent homage
bowed; Lo, Thy children wait Thy blessing; Thy holy love on us
bestowed.

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 74

General Offering: \$3,186.25

CARes: \$50.00

Community Kitchen (Presbytery meeting offering): \$1,002.00

Memorial Fund: \$50.00

Peace Making: \$50.00

Online Offering: \$595.00

Total Offering: \$4,933.25

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

↪ SUNDAY, MAY 24

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.

Presbyterian Women meeting, following worship

↪ MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day | Office Closed

↪ TUESDAY, MAY 26

Tai Chi, 5 p.m. | Dance Fitness Class, 5 p.m.

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

↪ WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

↪ THURSDAY, MAY 28

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

↪ SATURDAY, MAY 30

Dance Fitness Class, 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

⇒ Presbyterian Women Meeting

Ann Wiseman would like to invite all women to remain after worship for a brief meeting. The discussion will focus on supporting Safe Harbor, a local mission. If you have any questions, please see Ann Wiseman or Bettie George Frye.

⇒ Church Membership Class

Pastor Bill is offering a membership class for those interested in joining the church. The class will meet for approximately one hour immediately following Worship, and lunch will be provided. The date is set for **Sunday, June 7**. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Bill know as soon as possible by texting him at 606.547.1802 or emailing pastor@fpcaky.org.



⇒ Incoming and Outgoing Elders

We extend a warm welcome to Mike Lilly and Ellen Sharp, who are joining the session as members of the Class of 2029. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Mitch Hall and Ryan Whitman for their dedicated leadership during their time on the session. Their service is deeply appreciated. Pastor Bill will formally install our new Elders—Jan Holbrook, Mike Lilly, and Ellen Sharp—during our service on **Sunday, June 14**. This is a significant moment in the life of our congregation, and we would love for you to join us as we welcome these leaders into their new roles.

⇒ Baby Bottle Blessings



We encourage you to participate in our collection for the ***Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center***. Please pick up a baby bottle today and fill it with your donations of coins, cash, or a check. These bottles are a meaningful way to support the center's mission and are due back to the church on or by **Father's Day, June 21**. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of this important ministry.

⇒ **Pastor Bill Is Turning 70!**

Please join us on **Sunday, June 14**, to celebrate Pastor Bill's 70th birthday. We will gather in the Narthex immediately following the worship service. Cards and other tokens of appreciation are warmly welcomed as we thank Pastor Bill for his dedicated service. We hope you will join us for this special celebration.



6th Annual
JUNETEENTH
in Ashland

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FREEDOM DAY

6 - 9 p.m.
Friday, June 19th
Broadway Square
Downtown Ashland



- **Live Band**
- **Live Choir Performance**
- **Food Trucks**
- **T-Shirts**
- **Face Painting & Kids Activities**

Ashland for Change • C.B. Nuckolls Community Center & Black History Museum
Christ Temple Church • Christ Center Ministries
Ashland Community & Technical College



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

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| 1. HEAV | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE | 7. ES |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE |
| 4. ONGUE | 9. A |
| 5. PIRI | 10. IND |



“When the _____³ came, they were all _____⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____¹⁰ came from _____¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁹ what seemed to be _____⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁵ and began to speak in other _____⁸ as the Spirit _____² them.”

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending May 21, 2026

Family of Laura DeLaney (John DeLaney's daughter-in-law)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Bruce Roe (Max & Lois Jackson's brother-in-law)

Week ending May 14, 2026

Don Lilly

Week ending May 7, 2026

Kena Broomall (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)

Frank Johnson (Jennifer Johnson's father)

Logan Jones (Andrew & Donna Jones' son)

Teri Runyon (Kelly Hanni)

Scott Sanderson

Lorelai Shay

Ongoing:

<i>Pastor Bill</i>	<i>Derek Payne</i>
<i>Christina Akers (Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Khyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	

Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation: Kenny McGill, Sr.

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Betty Jean Phipps

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Lieutenant Colonel Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

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*

2026	2027	2028
<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>
<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>
<i>*2nd term of service</i>		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</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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