

**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Patriotic Sunday

July 5, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Jimm Smedley

Prelude

Max Jackson

Marche Maestoso

Benjamin J Benedict

† **Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 33)

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

People: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

Leader: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

People: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.

In this free land by thee our lot is cast.

Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:

Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion in our hearts increase.

Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.

Lead us from night to never-ending day.

Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, thank you that Jesus is Captain of our salvation. We pray that no matter what problems or difficulties we may encounter, we would be ready and willing to give You control of every part of our lives. We pray that our successes and our failures all work together, for Your greater praise and glory. Thank You for the many reminders that without You we can do nothing, but that we can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us. Praise Your holy name! In Jesus' name, AMEN.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#441 (1)

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation:

Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you ! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 5:13-15

¹³ Once when Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you one of us or one of our adversaries?" ¹⁴ He replied, "Neither, but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and he said to him, "What do you command your servant, my lord?" ¹⁵ The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

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

† **The New Testament Lesson:** Galatians 5:1-13 (NRSV)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that, if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³ Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. ⁴ You who want to be reckoned as righteous^[a] by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working^[b] through love. ⁷ You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? ⁸ Such persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹ A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough. ¹⁰ I am confident about you in the Lord that you will not think otherwise. But whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty. ¹¹ But my brothers and sisters, why am I still being persecuted if I am still preaching circumcision? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves! ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,^[c] but through love become enslaved to one another.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimm Smedley

A Birthday Blessing

✦ **We Respond to God's Word** ✦

† **Hymn of Response**

#340

This Is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Backpack Ministry

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Him, all creatures here below;
 praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ The Lord's Supper ✠

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right . . .

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(We will receive bread and cup by our ushers. Eat the bread as an individual act of repentance and thanksgiving. Please retain the cup until all are served and we will take it together.)

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

† Hymn of Sending

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on Thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

† **Postlude**

Postlude on Materna

Austin Lovelace

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Donna Jones*

Liturgist: *Ellen Sharp*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 81

General Offering: \$338.25

CARes: \$40.00

Memorials: \$515.00

T Shirts: \$209.00

Online Offering: \$725.00

Total Offering: \$1,827.25

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

↪ SUNDAY, JULY 5

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.

Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center Back to School Drives Begins

↪ TUESDAY, JULY 7

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

↪ WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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

↪ THURSDAY, JULY 9

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

↪ SATURDAY, JULY 11

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.



2026 Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center Back to School Drive **July 5 – August 2**

High School Daily School Life:

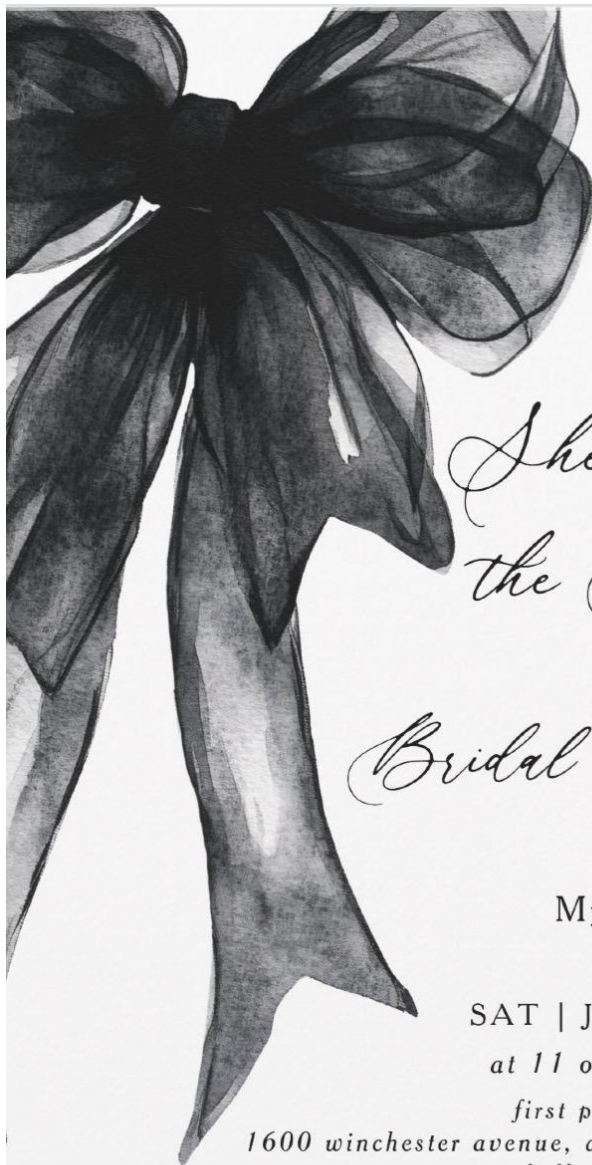
Underwear (all sizes), male or female, Men's Shoes sizes 13, 14, 15, Personal hygiene items; Feminine products, Clothing XL–3 XL

High School Food Pantry:

Pop tarts, Instant Oatmeal, Cereal bars, Granola bars, Mac n cheese, Knorr's fiesta sides rice, Spaghetti noodles, Canned pasta sauce, Peanut butter Cheez-its, Peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers, Gripz Trail mix, Canned tuna, Canned chicken Soup (w/beef, chicken or potatoes), Chef Boy R Dee, Ramen Noodles, Packaged cookies

High School Classroom Needs:

Loose life paper, Pencils, Spiral Notebooks, Pens, Post-its, Three-Ring Binders, Graph paper, High lighters, Index Cards, White out, Plasticfolders, Colored Pencils



*She's tying
the Knot*

join us for a

Bridal Shower

honoring

Mycah Jo Miller

SAT | JULY 25 | 2026

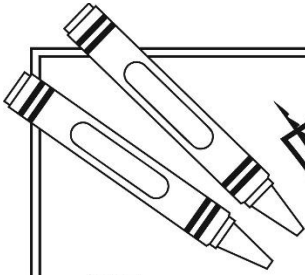
at 11 o'clock for brunch

first presbyterian church

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Evan Jones & Mycah are registered at Zola.com.








PUZZLE

"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A= 	E= 	I= 	O= 	U= 
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I_ k_ _ p my _ y_ s
 Iw_ ys _ n th_ L_ RD.
 W_ th h_ m _ t my
 r_ ght h_ nd,
 w_ ll n_ t b_ sh_ k_ n.
 Ps_ lm 16:8, N_ V

Answer: I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV
 I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand,

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending July 2, 2026

Kena Broomall (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Family of Steve Jackson

Week ending June 25, 2026

Family of Pastor Bill

Heather Shay

Week ending June 18, 2026

Sandra Goldberg (David Murphy)

Steve Jackson

Family of Linda Jones (Andrew Jones' mother)

Ongoing:

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

Lieutenant Katie Brown (recent graduate 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: *Vacant*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Jan Holbrook*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2027	2028	2029
<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook *</i>
<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>	<i>Mike Lilly</i>
<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>	<i>Ellen Sharp</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>Mitch Hall</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Mike Lilly</i>

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