

Then Moses  
stretched out  
his hand over  
the sea ...  
and the waters  
were divided.

EXODUS 14:21, NRSV



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | Communion Sunday

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February 8, 2026

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

Andante in G Major

Johann G Herzog

## † Call to Worship

*Mitch Hall*

Leader: Listen and wait! The Lord is on our side. The Lord hears our prayers!

**People: We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!**

Leader: God's mercy is sure, and God's justice will prevail.

**People: We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!**

Leader: Do not give up and do not despair. Wait patiently for God, for God will answer us.

**People: We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!**

Leader: Hope in God, for God is good, and God loves us with an everlasting love.

**All: We trust in the steadfast love of the Lord. Great is God's faithfulness!**

## † Hymn of Epiphany

#39

Great is Thy 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,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

### † Call to Confession

### † Prayer of Confession

**O Holy God of Promise, we so often place our trust in the things we can see, touch and easily believe. But You did not ask us to believe what is easy. You have asked us to believe what is true! Forgive us, Holy One, when we doubt the ways You work. Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story. Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways that seem so impossible to believe. Help us to look in faith, open our hearts, and set aside our doubts. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

### † Assurance of Pardon

### † Response

#150 (4)

#### As with Gladness Men of Old

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

### ✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

### Children's Message

#### Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

#### O Heavenly Word

Richard Shephard

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father's might;  
Who, in these latter days, was born, for blessing to a world  
forlorn. Our hearts enlightened from above and kindled with Thy  
own true love;

that we who hear Thy truth today, all wrong desires may cast away. O let us not for evil past, be driven from Thy face at last; but with the saints forevermore, behold Thee, love Thee, and adore. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever One; praise honor might and glory be, from age to age eternally. Amen.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**The Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 14:10–14, 21–22 *Carli Weston*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?

<sup>12</sup> Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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

### **Psalm 150**

#33

#### Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show

Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia!

Saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia!

Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!

All who see and share God’s love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!

Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!

Age to age, God’s mercies trace, Alleluia!

Praise God’s providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!  
In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!  
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!  
Singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 9:18–22 (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup> Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” <sup>19</sup> They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.” <sup>21</sup> He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, <sup>22</sup> saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.”

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

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***Preparing for the Unimaginable***

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#357

The Days are Surely Coming

The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth.  
When you will see My promise: salvation come to birth.  
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land.  
And you will be delivered by My almighty hand.

The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised One.  
When you will read My warning in moon and stars and sun.  
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear.  
For I am your Redeemer and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming when we will know at last,  
The fullness of God’s presence, God’s promise come to pass.  
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land.  
And we will be delivered by God’s almighty hand.

† **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: Organ Repair Fund*

### **† Doxology**

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one,  
may every tongue and nation raise  
an endless song of thankful praise.

### **† Prayer of Dedication**

## **✠ The Lord's Supper ✠**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

### **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.

**The Lord's Prayer** (sins)

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Communion of the People

*(As you receive the bread and cup this morning please eat the piece of bread individually and retain the cup until all have received it so that we may take it together.*

### Prayer After Communion

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

### † Hymn of Sending

#643

#### Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

### Postlude

*Max Jackson*

#### Fuga (2) – from Organ Sonata No 6

Felix Mendelssohn

### † Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

#### SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jimmy Hall* | Liturgist: *Mitch Hall*

#### LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: N/A

General Offering: \$650.00

Peacemaking Grant/Black History Museum: \$1,000.00

Online Offering: \$1,325.00

**Total Offering: \$2,975.00**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending February 5, 2026**

Charlie (Lee McCloud's nephew)

Dave Eby

Bob Poore

Heather Shay

Family of Tommy Thompson (Richard Isaacs' nephew)

### **Week ending January 29, 2026**

Kena Hanni Broomall (Mark & Kelly Hanni's daughter)

Wayne Rice (Jimmy Hall)

### **Week ending January 22, 2026**

Stephanie Lester (Nanette)

Don Lilly

Ann Wiseman

### **Ongoing:**

<i>Pastor Bill</i>	<i>Bob Miller</i>
<i>Christina Akers</i> <i>(Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Chris Payne</i>
<i>Christina Cumber (Greg &amp; Geri Willis)</i>	<i>Derek Payne</i>
<i>Gretchen Dillon</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shepherd</i>
<i>Khyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Kenny McGill, Sr.</i>	

**Kingsbrook Care Center:** Barry Barbour

**The Lantern:** Carolyn Graber, 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)



## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### ➔SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.  
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School (K–4<sup>th</sup> grade), 9:30 a.m.  
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

### ➔MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.  
**Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**

### ➔TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

### ➔WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans  
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

### ➔THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Galentine's Dinner, 6 p.m. \*NOTE NEW DATE\***

### ➔SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.  
**Valentine's Day**

### **Join Us For Brunch!**

Join us for "Shrove Tuesday Brunch" on **Sunday, February 15** immediately following morning worship. The menu is: pancakes, sausage, breakfast casseroles, yogurt, fruit, and donuts. The church fair will also take place. This is an opportunity for you to discover the various ministries provided through FPC. You also can sign up for a ministry in which you would like to take part. ***We will also celebrate Nanette's birthday during this time.***

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Join us on **Wednesday, February 18** for an Ash Wednesday Service beginning at **7 p.m.** The Imposition of Ashes will be offered. This service prepares us as we begin our Lenten reflection on a journey to a garden, a cross, and an empty tomb.

## **Spring Break Food Drive**

The Ashland Youth Service Center Food Pantry Drive is **Sunday, February 15 – March 15**, to support those in our community. Your contributions make a significant difference, and we appreciate your continued support. To help stock the pantry effectively, we are specifically looking for the following items:

Pop Tarts	Granola Bars	Chef Boy R Dee	Packaged Cookies
Instant Oatmeal	Mac n Cheese	Canned Tuna	Ramen Noodles
Cereal Bars	Knorr's Fiesta Sides Rice	Gripz	Trail Mix
Spaghetti Noodles	Peanut Butter	Peanut Butter or Cheese Sandwich Crackers	Canned Chicken
Canned Pasta Sauce	Cheez-Its	Soup (w/beef, chicken, or potatoes)	

## **Lent Devotional**

Spend 40 days with Jesus, exploring promises found in Scripture—promises of life abundant, life to the fullest, and life brimming with joy! You may pick one up in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, February 15**.



**Please join us for the  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Concert!**

**Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026**

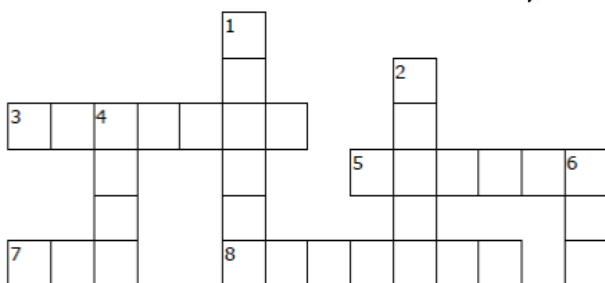
**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church,  
1600 Winchester Ave, Ashland, KY.**

**Reception following in the Narthex.**

**Max Jackson, organ  
Dr. Denine LeBlanc, piano  
Beth Davenport, piano  
Seth Skiles, piano  
Dr. Joe Mastracci, autoharp  
Calvin Riggs, piano  
Mya Sarver, oboe**





## ACROSS

3. A two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in war and races in ancient Egypt
5. a large animal with four legs which people ride on or use for carrying things or pulling vehicles
7. Something that has no water in it or on it
8. Separated into two or more parts

## DOWN

1. The surface of the earth
2. A light puffy, or billowy formation floating in the air
4. The military land forces of a nation
6. A large body of salt water which is partly or completely surrounded by land

CHARIOT  
DRY

DIVIDED  
ARMY

CLOUD  
SEA

GROUND  
HORSES

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>
*2nd term of service		

### 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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