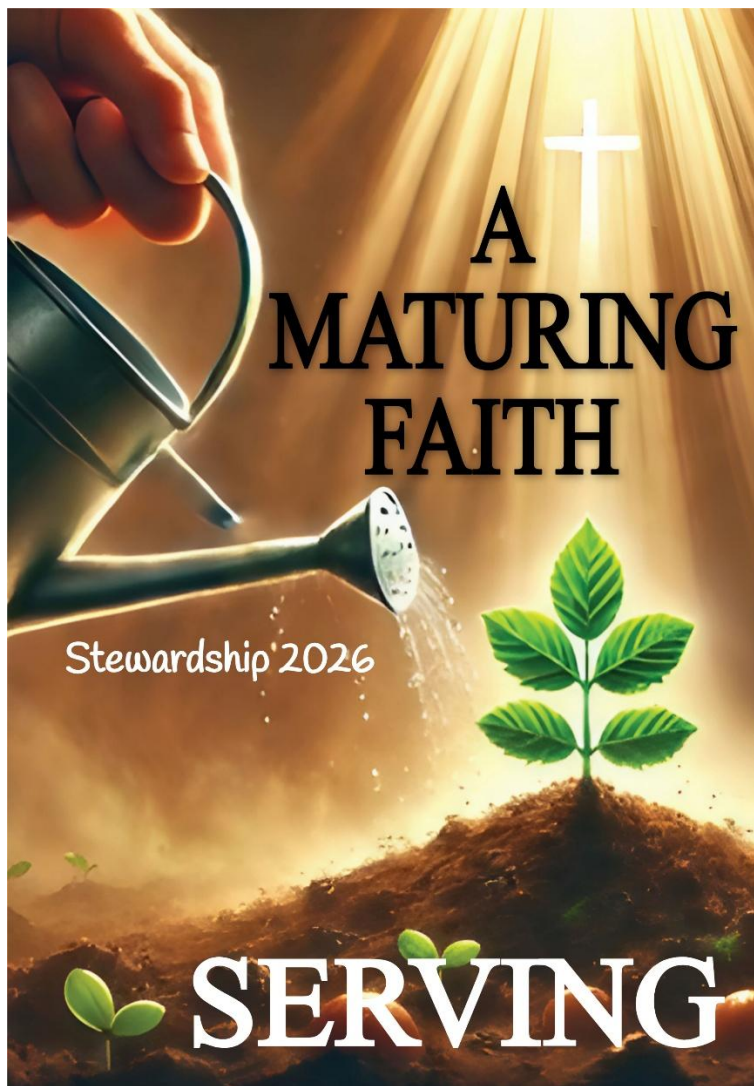




THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

21st Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday | Holy Communion | Stewardship Emphasis

November 2, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment (Serving)

Geri Willis

Prelude

Winchester Bells

O Store Gud (How Great Thou Art)

Douglas Wagner

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Barbara Kinyon

† Call to Worship

JT Norris

L: Today is a day that is held in tension.

P: We are surrounded by the past yet looking toward the future.

L: A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God with us in joys as well as in sorrow.

P: With a future filled with promises.

L: A future when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

P: And God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new."

L: Today we worship the One who was, is and is to come.

P: Let us worship in word, song and service.

All: Let us celebrate the Lord of past, present and future. All glory to His name. Amen!

† Hymn of Praise

#326

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou was their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saint-like — holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners — full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human beings, as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

There Is A Land of Pure Delight (Jordan)

William Billings

There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night, and pleasures banish pain. Sweet
fields beyond the swelling flood, stand dressed in living green;

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So to the Jews old Canaan stood, while Jordan rolled between.
There everlasting spring abides, and never withering flowers;
Death like a narrow sea divides this heavenly land from ours. But
timid mortals start and shrink to cross this narrow sea;
And linger shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.
O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy thoughts that
rise, and see the Canaan that we love with unclouded eyes.
Could we but climb where Moses stood, and view the landscape
o'er, Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood, should fright us
from the shore.

Naming and Remembering the Saints

(November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025)

Members of First Presbyterian Church

Yohana Calvert – April 26, 2025

John Paul Barker – May 22, 2025

Kimberly Whitman – July 20, 2025

Mary Patterson – August 8, 2025

Dr. Barbara Walters – October 26, 2025

Family and Friends

Wilma Montgomery – December 27, 2024 (Nanette's mother)

Ernest M. Pitt, Jr. – May 4, 2025

(Charlie Holbrook's friend and law partner)

Dennis Bradley – May 29, 2025

(Richard & Donna Isaacs' brother-in-law)

Donna Sue Coburn Isaacs – August 31, 2025

(Richard & Donna Isaacs' sister-in-law)

Charlie Kirk – September 10, 2025 (given by Nancy Compton)

Carolyn Runyon – September 16, 2025

(Kelly & Mark Hanni's friend)

Christopher Franklin Johnson – October 29, 2025

(Jennifer Johnson's brother)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Saints

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7, 12–13 (NRSV)

Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal
gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every

nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, for the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." 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 1

#457

How Happy are the Saints of God

How happy are the saints of God
who do not heed the wicked way.

Delighting in the holy Word
they see God's wisdom night and day.

Like deeply rooted trees,
they stand beside an ever-flowing stream.

Their fruit is plentiful and good;
their leaves are always growing green.

While wicked ones are whisked away
like straw before the driving wind.

The saints are firmly planted still,
and God will keep them to the end.

† The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:9 – 14 (NRSV)

"Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

¹⁰ Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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

Sermon

A Call to Endurance

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response** (tune: Festal Song)

#434

Restore in Us, O God

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of Your love;
renew Your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of Your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of Your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of Your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see You face to face.

† **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

† **Doxology**

#606

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

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

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.

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**

#686

God of Our Life

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Postlude

Shall We Gather At the River

Robert Powell

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Teresa Cassity* | Liturgist: *JT Norris*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 95

General Offering: \$1,247.00

CARes: \$22.00

Clean Start: \$50.00

Online Offering: \$490.00

Total Offering: \$1,809.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (K–4th grade), 9:30 a.m.

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

Youth Group (5th – 12th grade), 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Crafternoon, Noon

➔ **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Tai Chi, 5 p.m. | Zumba, 5 p.m.

➔ **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

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

Open Chapel, 5:45 p.m.

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

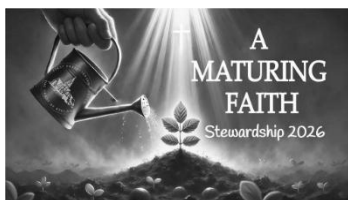
➔ **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

➔ **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

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

● **Stewardship Campaign 2026**



We are excited to announce that our Stewardship Emphasis for 2026 will be November 2–23, 2025. Our theme this year is ***A Maturing Faith***. Your information in the form of a letter/commitment card is in your

church mail box. Additional cards are available in the Narthex. You may also submit your pledge online at fpcaky.org. Please be in prayer for your response. We will consecrate the pledges on **Sunday, November 23**, during the morning worship service. Thank you for your faithful support of FPC and our ministries.

● **Operation Christmas Child**

The OCC boxes will be blessed next **Sunday, November 9** during morning worship. For the month of November we will be collecting money for postage. Questions, contact Donna Jones.

● **Salvation Army Bell Ringers**

We need volunteers to sign up to ring the bell for Salvation Army on **Saturday, Nov. 22 from Noon until 4 p.m.** in front of JCP. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Donna Jones.

● **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

The Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at Ashland First Church of the Nazarene (2201 Bath Avenue) on **Sunday, November 23 at 7 p.m.** We hope to see you there!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending October 30, 2025

Family of Shirley Counts (Nanette)

Family of Christopher Franklin Johnson (Jennifer Johnson's brother)

Paula Kiser

Nancy Payne

Family of Dr. Barbara Walters

Week ending October 23, 2025

Geraldine Batchelor (Susan Martell)

Grace Brown (Susan Martell)

MaeCile Eastin Brown (Bettie George Frye's sister)

Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)

Charline Eastin (Bettie George Frye)

Preston Eastin, his students & their families (Bettie George Frye)

Angel Horn (Nanette)

Kyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)

Family of Dickie Martin

Ben Steele (Heather Shay & Angie Lewis' co-worker)

Week ending October 16, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Bryan & Anna Conley (Teresa Cassity's brother/sister-in-law)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Mike Myers (Judy Sanders' nephew-in-law)

Skip Saunders (Greg & Geri Willis)

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Keith McClelland; Kenny McGill; Bob Miller; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; 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 Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

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DO NOT _____

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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

STAFF

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Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

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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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