



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | Communion Sunday

February 1, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ 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

L: The Lord is doing a new thing!

P: The Spirit is blowing. God is breathing new life in us.

L: The Lord is doing a new thing!

P: The old ways served their purposes, but a different chapter is beginning.

L: The Lord is doing a new thing!

P: We were not meant to remain the same. God intends for us to grow and change.

L: The Lord is doing a new thing!

P: We want to be part of it!

All: Praise God! The Lord is doing a new thing!

† Hymn of Epiphany

#625

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" [Refrain]

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Lord God, You who bring new opportunities to our lives, we confess that often we do not want to look forward but remain strongly oriented to the past. Help us to learn how to look forward with confidence and hope. Help us, too, Lord, to look to new opportunities as moments of holy encounter; in Christ's name we pray. 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 Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (NRSV)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made the One who knew no sin to be sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Psalms 40 (Winchester Old)

#651

I Waited Patiently for God

I waited patiently for God, for God to hear my prayer;
And God bent down to where I sank and listened to me there.

God raised me from a miry pit, from mud and sinking sand,
and set my feet upon a rock where I can firmly stand.

And on my lips a song was put, a new song to the Lord.
Many will marvel open eyed and put their trust in God.

Great wonders you have done, O Lord, all purposed for our good.
Unable everyone to name, I bow in gratitude.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 2:18–22 (NRSV)

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and people came and said to Him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "The wedding attendants cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. ²¹ "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²² Similarly, no one puts new

wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins, but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

The Need for New

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† Hymn of Response

#223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;

love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

† 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

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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*

† 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.

It is right...

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**

#612

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;
we bless Your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide You have been.

When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
and with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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: N/A

Online Offering: \$630.55

Total Offering: \$630.55

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Week ending January 15, 2026

Family of Jim Willis (Ryan Whitman's uncle)

Charlie (Lee McCloud's nephew)

Kenny McGill, II

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 Columber (Greg & 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 Shephard</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 1

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.

Nanette's Birthday Celebration, Noon

➡TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

Session Meeting Rescheduled, 5:30 p.m.

➡WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

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

➡THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

PAPER ANGELS, 1 P.M.

➡SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

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.

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.

Join us to celebrate love & ever-lasting friendship!

Galentine's Dinner

When?

Where?



Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Bethesda Community Hall

Childcare provided

RSVP by 2/8 in the Narthex or

text Kelly 606.923.7826

Hosted by the Membership Team

Dress Code: Red or Pink



**Please join us for the
4th 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



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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