



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 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

Ryan Whitman

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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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**

Psalm 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**

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/ The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CAReS

† 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

◊ 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'er take 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: *Donna Jones* | Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 77

General Offering: \$5,362.05

Peace/Global Offering: \$28.00

Online Offering: \$1,775.00

Total Offering: \$7,165.05

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending January 22, 2026

Stephanie Lester (Nanette)

Don Lilly

Betty Jean Phipps (Encompass Health)

Ann Wiseman

Week ending January 15, 2026

Family of Jim Willis (Ryan Whitman's uncle)

Charlie (Lee McCloud's nephew)

Kenny McGill, II

Week ending January 8, 2026

Jimmy Hall

Tim Hammond (Jeri Ward's nephew)

Angel Horn (Nanette)

Angie Lewis

Anette Murphy (David Murphy's mother)

Wayne Rice (Jimmy Hall)

Gail Rous

Ongoing:

<i>Pastor Bill</i>	<i>Bob Miller</i>
<i>Christina Akers (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

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, JANUARY 25

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.

→ MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

→ TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.
Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

→ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

→ SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

Birthday Celebration for Nanette

Due to inclement weather, Nanette's birthday celebration has been rescheduled for next Sunday, February 1.

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.

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

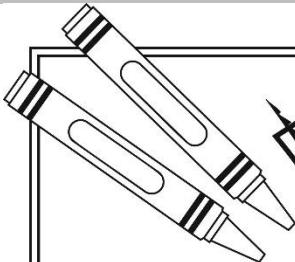
Seth Skiles, piano

Dr. Joe Mastracci, autoharp

Calvin Riggs, piano

Mya Sarver, oboe





PUZZLE

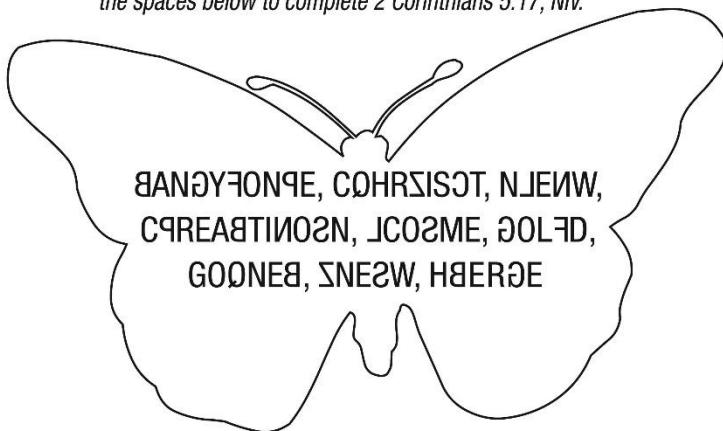
Transformation**POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____, the _____ has _____:

The _____ has _____.

the _____ is _____ !

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

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>

*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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