It Only Takes a Spark

Stewardship 2027

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE HEART OF ASHLAND

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | Stewardship Emphasis

November 15, 2026 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome *Mike Lilly*

Stewardship Moment *Kenny McGill*

Prelude *Max Jackson*

O Christ, The Healer, We Have Come

Johann Pachelbel

† **Call to Worship**

L: In the rush of the week, our paths cross with the needs of our souls.

P: When we were distant, He arrived. When we were broken, He restored us.

L: Out of ten, only one remembered to say thank you. Let us not be the nine who hurried past the Giver of all good gifts.

A: We pause. We turn around. We lift our praise to the God who makes us new. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise** #412

God, Reveal Your Presence

God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you,
and with awe appear before you.
Holy is your temple: all within keep silence,
humbly bow with deepest reverence.
You alone now we own as our God and Savior:
praise your name forever!

In God's holy presence, hear the harps resounding;
see the crowds the throne surrounding:
"Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending.
Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.

Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit;
all my trust is in your merit.
Like the holy angels on your glory gazing,
we adore, hosannas raising.
Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we are quick to cry out for your help in times of trouble, yet slow to return to praise. Forgive us when our prayers are answered, we stop the flow of healing, restoring, and healing grace for granted. We become so focused on the gifts you give that we forget to turn back and praise the Giver. Forgive us for our busyness, our entitlement, and our quiet ingratitude. Draw us back to the feet of Jesus and make us truly whole through your redeeming love. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response** #435 (1)

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Anthem *Chancel Choir*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Roger Price

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, and with blessing in his hand, Christ, our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,

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He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
At his feet the six winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to his presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord most high!

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: (NRSV): 2 Kings 5:1–15
Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." 4 So Naaman[a] went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5 And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over

the spot and cure the skin disease! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. 15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

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

Psalm 123 *Congregation*

I lift my eyes to You, O Lord,
Your throne, earth's canopy;
As masters hold their servants dear,
so, Lord, remember me.

More like a child than bonded slave,
I claim Your grace outright;
The proud shall fall,
but yet the meek find favor in Your sight.

Your boundless mercies, Lord,
outweigh the scorn we must endure;
While foes shall fade in their contempt,
Your love will long endure.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 17:11–19 (NRSV) *Andrew Wheeler*

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. →

16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Sermon

Thanks and Gratitude

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† **Hymn of Response** #793

O Christ, the Healer

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health,
to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

† **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/Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement *Special Offering: Peacemaking Program*

† **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**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† **Hymn of Sending** #838

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: *Standing, standing,*
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

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Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Postlude

Sortie in F Major
Theodore Dubois

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Donna Jones* | Liturgist: *Mike Lilly*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 84
General Offering: $1,270.00
5 Cents a Meal: $132.20
Memorials: $75.00
OCC Postage: $20.00
Organ Repair Fund: $45.00
Online Offering: $380.00
Total Offering: $1,922.20

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

→ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.
Children and Youth: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

→ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

→ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

→ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Bell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

→ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Paper Angels, 1 p.m.
Dames + Dinner Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.





Salvation Army Bell Ringers

We need volunteers to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. There are 30-minute time slots. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Donna Jones.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
IN FRONT OF JCP





Thanksgiving & Stewardship Commitment Dinner

Sunday, November 22
Following morning worship
Bethesda Community Hall

Celebrate God's blessings and our stewardship campaign!
The church will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and drinks.
Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Family Advent Kick-Off

Please join us on
Sunday, November 29,
following morning worship in the Bethesda Hall for a Family time of
CHRISTmas FUN!!

We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo.
A pizza lunch will be provided.
Please contact Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826, with any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending November 12

Dave Eby (procedure at UK, Nov. 17)
Jennifer Miller (Calvin Riggs' mother-in-law)

Week ending November 5

Brittany Bentine (Ann Wiseman's granddaughter)
Kena Broomall (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)
Mary Brown (Mike Whitman's daughter)
FPC Pastor Search
Fractured family relationship (anonymous)
Family of Jan Winans (she passed away Nov. 3)

Week ending October 29

Ted Hall (David Murphy)
Jacob Mollette (Glen & Christy Thomas' son)

Ongoing:

Christina Akers (Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)	*Nancy Payne*
Bill Gesling	*Bonnie Pettijohn*
Charlie Holbrook	*Tim Shepard*
Angie Lewis	*Jan Winans*
Chris Payne	*Ann Wiseman*
Derek Payne	

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); Ashland's National Guard Battalion 201 deployed in May 2026 to the Middle East; Lieutenant Katie Brown (US Army, 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
Jimmy Hall	*Teresa Cassity*	*Jan Holbrook **
*Lee McCloud **	*Kelly Hanni **	*Mike Lilly*
*J.T. Norris **	*Donna Jones*	*Ellen Sharp*
*2nd term of service		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: *Glen Thomas*	Membership: *Teresa Cassity*
Christian Education: *Lee McCloud*	Mission: *Donna Jones*
Congregational Life: *Cathy Wilson*	Personnel: *Jan Holbrook*
Finance: *Mitch Hall*	Worship: *Mike Lilly*

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