



**Walk while you have the light,
lest darkness overtake you.**

JOHN 12:35 NKJV

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

O Jesus, I Have Promised
(Emma L Diemer)

Call to Worship

Jane Justice

Leader: The quiet colors of wood and stone, the pencil-thin beams of light.

People: The pure lines of the communion table. The texture of woven paraments.

Leader: We are in a sacred dwelling;

People: We are standing on holy ground.

Leader: We are in the presence of God;

People: Let our worship begin.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

† **Call to Confession**

† Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond hesitantly, not trusting or believing that you really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready. Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Enable us to respond to Your invitation to be Your disciples, to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what You give and to risking something new for You. And help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. In the name of Jesus, amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

With A Voice Of Singing
(Martin Shaw)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name, Make His praise to be glorious.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:1 – 20 (NRSV)

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But sexual immorality and impurity of any kind or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as

is proper among saints. ⁴ Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ Be sure of this, that no sexually immoral or impure person or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater) has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be associated with them, ⁸ for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103

#439 (1,2,3,5)

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;
bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way;
unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.

The Gospel Lesson

John 12:27 – 36 (NRSV)

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for Mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death He was to die. ³⁴ The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “The light is in you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

The Invitation to BE 2

✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠

† Hymn of Response

#724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

† **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: Backpack Ministry*

† **Doxology**

#606

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.

† **Hymn of Communion**

#503 (1,3)

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
chosen by You, to be counted Your friends.
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication.
Ours, a commitment we know never ends.

When, at Your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed, and our courage restored.

May we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

✠ **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.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly
choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who
forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty.... Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2 x)

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit . . . Through Christ, all
glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in
the holy church, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Postlude

Max Jackson

Trumpet Voluntary
(Henry Heron)

† Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Cathy Wilson*

Liturgist: *Jane Justice*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 73

Offering: \$3,607.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 4

Armchair Theologians: *Mysteries of the Messiah*, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Monday, September 5

Labor Day, Office Closed

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.



The first meeting of Dames for Dinner is **Thursday, Sept. 15 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.** We will begin a study by Lysa Terkeurst titled “What Happens When Women Say Yes to God.” This is a six-session study that aligns with

our recent Visioning Day discussion. The meeting will be catered by Texas Roadhouse. The cost is \$10.00 per meal. Please register on the church website (fpcaky.org), call the church office or let Cathy Wilson know so that we know how much food to order. Also, let us know if you need the nursery. Thank you.

Birthday Celebration!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 18** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. There will be a basket for cards.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending September 2, 2022

Pastor Bill & Nanette

Jim Burgin (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law's father)

Judy Fannin (KDMC, #5K529)

Nancy Jackson (Steve Jackson's wife)

Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

Kim Whitman (KDMC, #5J522)

Jim Wiseman

Week ending August 26, 2022

Scott & Mary Brown (Kim & Mike Whitman's
daughter & son-in-law)

Brenda Camp (Patty Wiley's sister)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Jack Hollin (Jan Holbrook's uncle)

Week ending August 19, 2022

Steve Corbitt (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jean Fraley (Bettie George Frye)

Family of Tom Hastie (Jennifer Johnson)

Pat Smith (Jan & Charlie Holbrook's neighbor)

Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims and Recovery

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Janet Winans,
Ann & Jim Wiseman

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military:

Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, Son of Kris Adkins)
Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, Granddaughter of Kim & Mike
Whitman)

Major Scott A. Brown (Husband of Mary Whitman Brown)
Lieutenant Colonel Chris Potter (USAF, Germany, Nephew of Max
& Lois Jackson, Bruce & Cindy Roe, and Roger & Pam Potter)
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, Don & Judy Lily's Niece)

SERMON NOTES

The Invitation to BE 2

(John 12:27–36; Ephesians 5:1–20)

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster, Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Custodian: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2022	2023	2025
<i>Judy Fannin</i>	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>
<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>Breck Tarr</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building & Grounds:

Judy Fannin

Christian Education:

Kim Whitman & Lee McCloud

Congregational Life:

Cathy Wilson

Finance: *Trish Hall*

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