



And now, Lord ... grant to  
your servants to continue to  
speak your word with all

**BOLDNESS**

Acts 4:29, ESV

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



*The ♥ of Ashland*

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

*Allegretto*

(Henry A.J. Campbell)

**Call to Worship**

*Cathy Wilson*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Be here with us. May we feel your presence within, strengthening and renewing our spirits.

**People: Come, Spirit of God. Come here now and enliven our spirits as we join in songs of joy and praise.**

Leader: Come, Spirit. Renew us and renew your church. May your presence be a source of strength for our lives and for your church.

**People: Come, Spirit. Renew our minds, transform our hearts, fill us with resolve and direct our energies to greater actions of ministry and service.**

**All: Come, Spirit. Come and lift our spirits so that our lives will help renew and redeem all the earth.**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround Thee;  
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**O Holy Spirit, who moves subtly and secretly in our midst, catch us off guard and illumine the rough edges and the hidden corners of our prideful and anxious lives. Release us from the illusion that we can have life all neatly boxed and wrapped. Release us from faulty notions and early learned preconceptions of who You are and how You work in this world. Free us to experience Your holy Presence, wide-eyed and eager like a newborn child. Kindle in us new visions for faithful living, through Christ our Lord, in whom we find our rest and courage. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

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**

*Kelly Hanni*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

*Praise The Lord With Joyful Song*  
Early American melody ("Boundless Mercy")  
arr. H H Hopson

Praise the Lord with joyful song; hail the Rock who saves us.  
Offer God our grateful hearts, shout our loud thanksgiving.  
Mighty is the Lord our God, King above all gods;  
Bless the Lord with joyful song; hail the rock who saves us.  
God made all the earth and sky, all creation's splendor.  
Valleys green speak forth their praise; the hills reflect his goodness.  
The oceans also tell of God; the dry land he created.

God made all the earth and sky, all creations splendor.  
Come and worship, kneel before the Lord; bless his name.  
He is gracious, kind and true. Bless his name.  
He is Lord of all. We are his own flock.  
Come and worship, kneel before the Lord; bless his name.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **The Epistle Lesson**

Acts 4:23 – 31 (NRSV)

After they were released, they went to their own people and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> it is You who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, Your servant: 'Why did the Gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things?' <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against His Messiah.' <sup>27</sup> "For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to Your servants to speak Your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while You stretch out Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Psalm 77:1 – 2, 11 – 20** (melody: Tallis Canon)

*Doubts Yielding to Faith*

To God for help will I repair. To God will I direct my prayer.  
And surely He will answer me. His great salvation I shall see.

In long continued grief I stand and seek the Lord with  
outstretched hand.

I find no comfort for my soul. The clouds of darkness o'er me roll.

Thy deeds, O Lord, will I relate and, on Thy wonders, meditate.  
Thy way, O God, is just and right. And none is like to Thee in might.

Among the nations Thou hast shown  
Thy wondrous power and made it known.  
Thou art the God that mightily redeemed and set Thy people free.

At sight of Thee the waters fled.  
The quaking clouds their torrents shed.  
The lightnings flashed, the thunder pealed;  
the trembling earth her fear revealed.

Thy way, O God, was in the sea.  
But though Thy paths mysterious be.  
Thy people Thou didst safely keep as  
shepherds lead their helpless sheep.

### **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 10:1 – 12, 17 – 20 (NRSV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place where He Himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup> I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. <sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in Your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of

lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***Empowered Excitement for Christ***

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#305

*Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme.

Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend: let wisdom be our guide.

As we in mission magnify the Crucified!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church in song!

For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

† **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 to the dead. 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 living 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

**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.**

### Offering Acknowledgement

*Special Offering: CARES*

### † 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.

### ✠ 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*

*Suite Gothique (Leon Boellmann)  
Allegro*

## † Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

### SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Breck Tarr*

Liturgist: *Cathy Wilson*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

### LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 61

Offering: \$1,426.00

Clean Start: \$100.00

### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Sunday, June 26**

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

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

#### **Monday, June 27**

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (date change)

Summer Book Study, 6 p.m./Tim Horton's, Winchester Ave.

#### **Wednesday, June 29**

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

Summer Book Study, 6 p.m./Tim Horton's, Winchester Ave.



FPC is honored to participate in the  
**Christmas Tour of Homes 2022**

We will have an information reception  
following Morning Worship on **Sunday, July 24.**  
We will share our overall Christmas decor layout of the church  
and opportunities for congregational help.

Our current requests from the congregation:  
Borrowed items (we do not need until November)

- ✧ Family Nativity(s)
- ✧ Angels

Donated items (they will not be returned)

- ✧ Garland of any kind
- ✧ Miscellaneous Items
- ✧ Monetary gifts for fresh greenery for outside and ribbon

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending June 23, 2022

Pastor Bill

Steve Corbitt (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jean Fraley (Bettie George Frye)

Judy McCoy (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jim Price (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

### Week ending June 16, 2022

Phil Chavez and Family (online request)

Herman Roe (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jim Wiseman

### Week ending June 9, 2022

Cray Stephenson (Geri Willis' son-in-law)

Christy Thomas (Glen Thomas' wife)

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

**Ongoing:** Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Pollyanne Sager, Janet Winans, Ann Wiseman

**Morning Pointe:** Carolyn Graber

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, Son of Kris Adkins), Major Scott A. Brown (Husband of Mary Whitman Brown)  
Major 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

### *Empowered Excitement for Christ*

Acts 4:23 – 31

Luke 10:1 – 12, 17 – 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: *Jan Holbrook*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Cathy Wilson*  
Treasurer: *Greg Willis*

| 2022                 | 2023                | 2024                 |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Jan Holbrook*</i> | <i>Judy Fannin</i>  | <i>Cathy Wilson*</i> |
| <i>Lisa Stevens*</i> | <i>Mitch Hall</i>   | <i>J.T. Norris</i>   |
| <i>Jim Wiseman</i>   | <i>Ryan Whitman</i> | <i>Breck Tarr</i>    |
|                      |                     | *2nd term of service |

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building & Grounds:  
*Judy Fannin*  
Christian Education:  
*Lisa Stevens*  
Congregational Life:  
*Cathy Wilson*

Finance: *Trish Hall*  
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