



You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way,
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Cantilene in C Major
(Theodore Dubois)

Call to Worship

Kim Whitman

Leader: We gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

People: We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.

Leader: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

People: We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.

Leader: Here we are welcomed and loved and cherished.

All: Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Loving and forgiving God, we are in conflict! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. We confess that we succumb to the allures of this world — having more, doing more, running faster and harder — and all the while, we fail to see the needs of our neighbors and ignore the needs of our own souls. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive Your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of Your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion, and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. 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

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Kim Whitman, soloist

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

(Carson Cooman)

O love that will not let me go, I rest my tired soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O light that follows me all my way, I give my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be. O joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be!

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6 – 15 (NRSV)

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, "He scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that He has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103

#439 (1,3,4,6)

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

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.

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.

As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;
to their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend:

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!

The Gospel Lesson

John 1:1–5, 10–18 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to what was His own, and His own people did not accept Him. ¹² But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to Him and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because He was before me.'") ¹⁶ From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, Himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made Him known.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

A Healthy Church – Generous Response

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† Hymn of Response

#435

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.

(Hymn continues the next page.)

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our 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: Carpet Fund

† **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**

#714

God of the Fertile Fields

God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from Your bounteous hand come gifts
Your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from You all that You give;
help us in love to share, teach us like You to care
for people everywhere, that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need,
so Your reign grows.

Let all our toil be used, no gift of Yours abused,
no humble task refused Your love bestows.

God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to You.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Caprice sur les Grande Jeux
(L N Clerambault)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Mitch Hall*
Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*
Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 60
Offering: 1,025.00

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 31

Armchair Theologians: *Mysteries of the Messiah*, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Wednesday, August 3

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

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



You are invited to join us for a time of visioning following morning worship, **Sunday, August 7**, in the Bethesda Community Hall. A light lunch will precede our conversation as we consider the direction of FPC in the coming

months and years. You do not need to be a member of the congregation. This is for everyone. We hope for this gathering to be over by 3 p.m. For more information, please check with the church office. You are encouraged to be in prayer for this time!

MR. AND MRS. JOE FRYE III
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Lura Katherine Frye

TO

Adrian James Adams

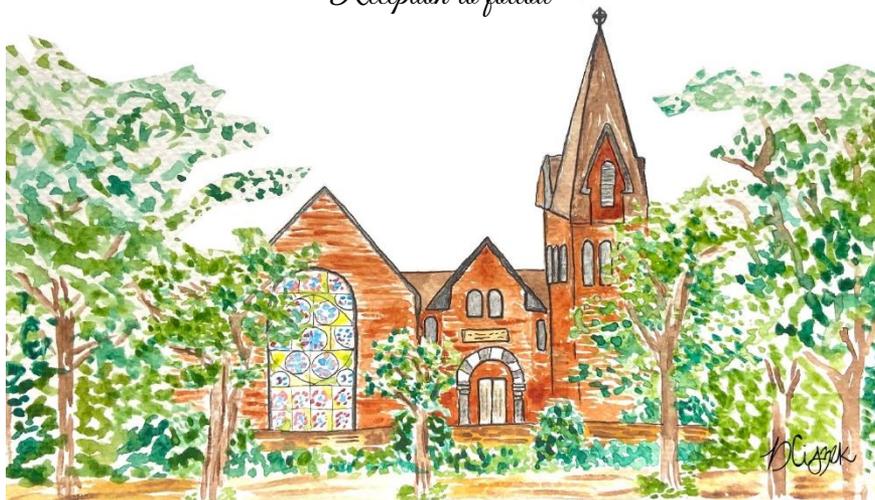
SON OF MR. HAROLD ADAMS AND DR. DENINE LEBLANC

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH of AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

First Presbyterian Church

1600 WINCHESTER AVENUE
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

Reception to follow



RSVP cards are located on a table in the Narthex. If you plan to attend, please fill out a card and put it in the basket. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending July 28, 2022

Pastor Bill

David Eby

Dewitt Goodman

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

Week ending July 21, 2022

Pam Lewis (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

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

Christy Thomas (Glen Thomas' wife)

Week ending July 14, 2022

Steve Corbitt (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Nancy Downs (Pastor Bill)

Jean Fraley (Bettie George Frye)

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 & Jim 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

A Healthy Church – Generous Response

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

John 1:1–5, 10–18

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*

Membership: *Breck Tarr*

Mission: *Geri Willis*

Personnel: *Mitch Hall*

Worship: *Ryan Whitman*

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