

You shall love ...

your neighbor
as yourself.

Luke 10:27, NRSV

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

If You Will Only Let God Guide You (two settings)

(J S Bach)

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**

#14

For The Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of
light: [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and
mild: [Refrain]

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in
heaven: [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

O God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. Transform us, we pray. Loosen our grip on “the way it’s always been” and prepare us for the joy of “the way it still can be,” through 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

Kelly Hanni

Anthem

Amy Crookes, soloist

O Lord Most Holy (Pani Angelicus)
(Cesar Franck; arr. H H Hopson)

O Lord most holy, o Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee.
Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; Father, guide and defend us.
Rule thou our willful hearts, keep Thine our wandering thoughts.
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptations hour, save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, so shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1:1 – 19 (NRSV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus [and Ashland] and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace that He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ He has made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of Him who accomplishes all things according to His counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in Him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of His glory. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power for us who believe, according to the working of His great power.

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

Psalm 85:

Tune: Melita

Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land

Lord, You have lavished on Your land
amazing blessings from Your hand,
restored us from captivity and pardoned our iniquity.
In grace you caused Your wrath to turn;
You did not let Your anger burn.

Lord, bring us back to grace again; blot out your anger at our sin.
Revive us, Lord, that we may raise
our thankful hymns and psalms of praise.
In mercy, Lord, Your people bless with
saving love and faithfulness.

To all His saints, the Lord speaks peace;
His faithful love and care increase.
He shares His grace with open hand
to spread His glory through our land.

Salvation from the Lord is near to all who trust the Lord in fear.

Then love will meet with faithfulness;
God's righteousness and peace will kiss,
As righteousness smiles down from Heaven,
great harvests to our land are given.
With God all righteousness abides;
His truth and justice are our guides.

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25 – 37 (NRSV)

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on

the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

A Healthy Church – Family Focused

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#691

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

† **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

#694

Great God of Every Blessing

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer You, my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer You, my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer You, my heart.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Voluntary in D Minor
(William Boyce)

† Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

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

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 73
Offering: \$3,297.81

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 24

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

Christmas in July, Noon

Wednesday, July 27

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

Thursday, July 28

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

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

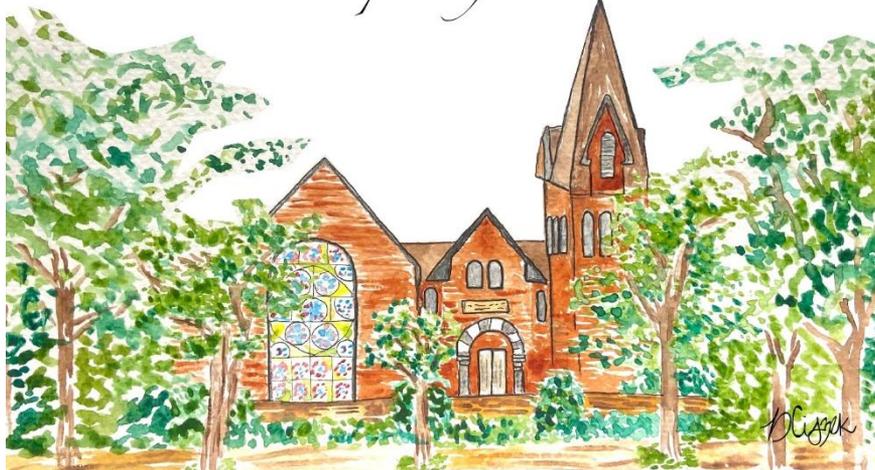
SON OF MR. HAROLD ADAMS AND DR. DENINE LEBLANC

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 21, 2022

David Eby

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)

Jo Jenkins (Nanette)

Week ending July 7, 2022

Pastor Bill

Dewitt Goodman

Family of Kathy Johnson (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Family of Judy McCoy (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

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 – Family Focused

Ephesians 1:1 – 19

Luke 10:25 – 37

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 |
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| <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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