

# A Life OF Stewardship

They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.  
(2 Corinthians. 8:5b)

*"The Life of Usefulness"*

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



*The ♥ of Ashland*

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday  
Consecration Sunday

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November 20, 2022

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Stewardship Moment**

*John Ferguson*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

*Allegro ma non troppo, from Grande Offertoire  
(Francois Couperin)*

**Call to Worship**

*Breck Tarr*

Leader: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so we thank our God

**People: For joy in living and patience in trouble;**

Leader: For rainbows after clouds and moonlight on the darkest night;

**People: For wisdom to walk the right path and peace to calm anxious worry;**

Leader: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

**All: So let our song arise and give thanks for all God's provision.**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#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.

### **Call to Confession**

#### **† Prayer of Confession**

**Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching when we should be spending, hoarding when we could be generous, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child who toddles, every parent who worries, every adult who struggles. Loving God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love and care and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.**

#### **† Assurance of Pardon**

#### **† Response**

#610 (2)

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
The name of Jesus charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life, and health, and peace.

✠ **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD** ✠

**Children's Message**

*Kelly Hanni*

**Anthem***Chancel Choir**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

(arr. Gilbert M Martin)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination****The Old Testament Lesson**

Proverbs 3:1 – 10 (NRSV)

My child do not forget My teaching, but let your heart keep My commandments, <sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. <sup>3</sup> Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you. Bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and of people. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; the LORD and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. <sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!  
 saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
 angels round the throne above, Alleluia!  
 all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!  
 Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!  
 Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!  
 Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!  
 in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!  
 All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!  
 singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 6:27 – 36 (NRSV)

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

*The Life of Usefulness*

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

**Presentation of our Faith Commitment Cards**

**Hymn of Response**

#716

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from Your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward  
the goals of Christ, Your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,  
gain through powers Your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

† **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**

## 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: Clean Start*

## † 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.

## Prayer of Dedication

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

## † Hymn of Sending

#643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

## Closing Voluntary

*Max Jackson*

*Suite Gothique – Allegro (2)*  
(Leon Boellmann)

## † Benediction

† Standing if you are able.

## SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Charlie Holbrook*  
Liturgist: *Breck Tarr*  
Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

## LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 68  
Offering: \$12,963.00  
Online Giving: \$379.00  
**Total Offering: \$13,342.00**

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

**Thanksgiving/Stewardship Celebration Dinner, Noon**

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. cancelled this week

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m. cancelled this week

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**The office will be closed Thursday and Friday**

### JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER



Please join us today immediately following Morning Worship for Thanksgiving and Stewardship Celebration Dinner. Thank you to all who brought nonperishable items for the Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center

Thanksgiving baskets. We collected 344 items! And a BIG thank you to everyone who turned in a Stewardship Commitment pledge card.

### CARE'S GIVING TREE

If interested in volunteering for the Giving Tree, you can register at [boydcountycares.org](http://boydcountycares.org), contact CARES staff at (606) 324-2949 or [facebook.com/volunteer/signups/3346459282268028/](https://facebook.com/volunteer/signups/3346459282268028/)



**The Highlands Museum Christmas Tour of Homes**  
**Saturday, December 3, 1 – 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 4, 1 – 5 p.m.**



**Ways to be involved and help:**

→ **Items to Donate:** Artificial garland, Trees, Christmas items you do not want back.

→ **Items on Loan:** Nativities, Angels, Musical ornaments/décor, Battery operated pillar candles. (Please mark with your name)

→ **Monetary donations:** Please mark the **Tour of Homes**

Your donations will help pay for Ribbon, Candy, Miscellaneous work items, and Hot chocolate.

→ **Volunteer your time to help decorate or clean up**

**When:**

→ Borrowed items drop off items now

→ Donated: now

→ Monetary: now thru December 4

→ Your Time: Now thru ????

Sign-up sheets/donation area is in the Narthex, bulletin board on your left. Call or text, Kelly Hanni, 606-923-7826, for questions.



→ **Cookie Exchange**, Sunday, Dec. 11 following Morning Worship

→ **Parents' Night Out**, Friday, Dec. 16, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

→ **Lessons & Carols**, Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:50 a.m.

→ **Christmas Eve Worship Services**, Saturday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

→ **Christmas Day Worship Service**, Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:50 a.m.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending November 18, 2022

Pastor Bill

Lini Breeback (Ruth Anne Hall's sister)

Judy Fannin

Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)

Kim Whitman

### Week ending November 11, 2022

Baby Theo (grandson of Margaret Von Voorhis, friend of Melissa Riggsby)

### Week ending November 4, 2022

Phil Chavez (online request)

Jess G. (online request)

Ransom Gehringer

Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)

*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 Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lily)

**SERMON NOTES**

***The Life of Usefulness***

Luke 6:27 – 36

## 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*

2023	2024	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: *Janet Holbrook*

Worship: *Ryan Whitman*

**If you would like to join any of these ministry teams,  
please contact the Chairperson or call the Church office.**

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