

# HOPE

*in the Lord*

Jeremiah 29:11



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday | Holy Communion

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November 3, 2024

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Stewardship Moment**

*Pam Potter*

**Prelude**

*Winchester Bells*

Alleluia (Robert Burroughs)

Beautiful Savior (Douglas Wagner)

## † Call to Worship

*JT Norris*

Leader: Today is a day that is held in tension.

**People: We are surrounded by the past yet looking toward the future.**

Leader: A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God with us in joys as well as in sorrow.

**People: And a future filled with promises.**

Leader: A future when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

**People: And God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new."**

Leader: Today we worship the One who was, is and is to come.

**All: Let us worship and remember the saints and their example to serve the Lord.**

## † Hymn for All Saints' Day

#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.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, Your judgments are true, Your wisdom unsearchable, Your compassion unfailing. You are worthy of our complete trust and confidence, but the truth is, we prefer to put faith in ourselves and in our own plans and agenda. We are blind to our foolishness. We are deluded in our desire to be in control. We are impatient, unprepared for what truly matters, and focused instead on petty concerns. Forgive us, Lord, for our schemes and manipulations. Rather, grant us grace to look for You with anticipation and joy. Renew us to walk as Your saints. Restore us to Yourself and to one another, for the sake of Christ we pray.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

Glory Be to the Father

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**

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

There Is A Land Of Pure Delight (Jordan)

William Billings

There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign;  
Infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.  
Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood, stand dressed in living green;  
So to the Jews old Caanan stood, while Jordan rolled between.  
The everlasting spring abides, and never withering flowers;  
Death like a narrow sea, divides this heavenly land from ours.  
But timid mortals start and shrink to cross this narrow sea;  
And lingering, shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.  
O, could we make our doubts remove those gloomy thoughts that rise,  
And see the Caanan that we love with unclouded eyes.  
Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's stream nor death's cold flood should fright us from the shore.

## **Naming and Remembering the Saints**

(October 30, 2023 – October 31, 2024)

### **Members of First Presbyterian Church**

***Martha Gesling*** – October 31, 2023 (Bill Gesling)

***James Wiseman*** – November 29, 2023 (Ann Wiseman)

### **Family and Friends**

***Vernie Tackett*** – November 30, 2023 (Geri Willis' sister)

***Bill Hall*** – December 26, 2023 (Geri Willis' brother)

***Betty Jane Fowler*** – February 21, 2024 (Melissa Fowler's mother)

***Sharon Cripple Slusher*** – May 19, 2024 (Nancy Jackson's sister)

***Rachel Eliana Garnes*** – June 16, 2024

(Pastor Bill & Nanette's great-great niece)

***Jeff Sanders*** – July 22, 2024 (Judy Sanders' son)

***Billy Ray Barney*** – September 12, 2024 (Lois Jackson's brother)

***Judith Eby*** – September 12, 2024

(Dave & Judy Eby's sister-in-law)

***John Eby*** – October 4, 2024 (Dave Eby's brother)

## **Prayer for the Saints**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **The Epistle Lesson**

1 Corinthians 1:2–7 (NRSV)

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God**

#### **Psalm 116**

#655

What Shall I Render to the Lord

What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be,  
for all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?

Salvation's cup my soul shall take while to the Lord I pray,  
and with God's people I will meet, my thankful vows to pay.

Not lightly dost thou, Lord, permit thy chosen saints to die;  
from death thou hast delivered me; thy servant, Lord, am I.

Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord,  
and praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 8:22–25 (NRSV)

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out,<sup>23</sup> and while they were sailing, he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.<sup>24</sup> They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were terrified and amazed and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***Looking Forward in Faith (Hope)***

**✦ We Respond to God's Word ✦**

† **Hymn of Response**

#353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is  
sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;

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in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
dressed in His righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

† **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*

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**

✠ **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.**

It is right . . . Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song  
and sing Your eternal praise:

**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.**

. . . With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great  
joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery  
of faith:

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

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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which You have broken,  
for the wine which You have poured,  
for the words which You have spoken,  
now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us,  
by Your gift of peace restored,  
by Your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You,  
seated at the heavenly board.  
May the church still waiting for You  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward.  
In the world to which You send us,  
let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Paul Manz

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*



## SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

## LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 85

General Offering: \$2,761.00

Backpack Ministry: \$50.00

CARes: \$8.00

Clean Start: \$50.00

Hurricane Relief: \$570.00

Online Offering: \$324.66

**Total Offering: \$3,763.66**

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### • **Sunday, November 3**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

**Crafternoon, following morning worship**

### • **Wednesday, November 6**

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

Open Chapel, 5:30 p.m.

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

### • **Thursday, November 7**

Paper Angels, 1:30 p.m.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

#### **Shoebox Ministry**

Thank you for providing a lot of joy in the lives of children around the world with your OCC shoebox ministry. Please return your box(es) to the church by next

**Sunday, November 10.** We will offer a blessing for the shoeboxes.

## **Unveiling of FPC Mural**

Join us next **Sunday, November 10** immediately following morning worship as we unveil the FPC mural on the floodwall. The artwork of our own First Presbyterian Church is simply amazing. Special thanks to the Presbyterian Women's Fellowship for providing the funding for this work. Visitors to the Ashland area will come to understand why FPC is "The Heart of Ashland."

## **Thanksgiving & Stewardship Commitment Dinner**



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 24**, when we will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall following morning worship for a time of celebration and thanks giving for our Stewardship Emphasis

success! The Church will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and drinks. We are being asked to provide salads, sides and desserts (you might even consider some cranberry sauce for Pastor Bill). We hope to see you as we celebrate together God's blessings in our congregation.

## **Family Night/Christmas Kick-Off**

Please join us on **Sunday, December 1**, from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. in the Bethesda Hall for a Family Night of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826, with any questions.



## **Teachers Needed!**

The elementary-aged children need some extra teachers. The lessons will be planned for you. If you can help with this important ministry, please contact Lee McCloud (606.331.1017).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending October 31, 2024**

Bill Christian (Kim Whitman)

Kia Jensen (Kim & Mike Whitman's daughter)

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Jeffery Wilson (Judy Eby's brother)

### **Week ending October 24, 2024**

Gail Frazier (Nanette)

Matt Dillon

Jimmy Hall

Trish Hall

Continued recovery efforts from Helene

Susan Martell (Pastor Bill's sister)

### **Week ending October 17, 2024**

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)

Amy Crookes

Roberta DePriest (Dave & Judy Eby's friend)

Family of John Eby (Dave Eby's brother)

Nancy (Rick) Grace (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Shirley O'Neal (Nanette)

Skip Saunders (Greg & Geri Willis' friend)

David Sargent (Kelly Hanni)

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

**Ongoing:** Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

**The Lantern:** Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

**Woodland Oaks:** Bob Miller

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

## STAFF

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

## SESSION MEMBERS

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

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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