

FIFTH SUNDAY



IN LENT

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**

The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Winchester Bells

Morning Has Broken (Bunessan)

(H H Hopson)

Call to Worship

J.T. Norris

Leader: Are you searching for something that lasts?

People: Are you hungry for meaning, thirsting for hope?

Leader: Are you seeking a blessing? Come home to God.

People: Here, let us find forgiveness and healing, and a community of care.

Leader: Here, find truth that is solid.

People: Here, sing with angels and pray with saints; for we are home!

† **Hymn of Lent**

#187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care.

In Your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use Your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are Yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are Yours.

We are Yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.

Keep Your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Your children when we pray.

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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.

You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor; early let us do Your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.
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† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Savior, we have been a wayward people. We were dead in our sin, and You gave us life. We wandered away from You, becoming exiles, and You rescued us and carried us home. We have been sick, broken, and needy, and You healed and restored us. We deserve none of this. We deserve the penalty You bore on our behalf. Yet, Your love is so deep, Your mercy so wide, that You have done for us what we could never do for ourselves. You have forgiven us and loved us. You have made us Your own. We receive Your gift with gratitude, joy, and awe. We pray all this with thanksgiving for You, O Christ. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.

† **Response**

#216 (2)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

John Ferguson

Anthem

Chancel Choir

O Savior Of The World

(John Goss)

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 6:10 – 20 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power;

¹¹ put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹² for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 145

#42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all Your words, Your gracious deeds;
You gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You; by You their wants are all supplied;
Your open hand is bountiful, and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways, and kind in everything You do;
forever near You stand to hear and help all those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord;

my soul shall bless Your holy name;

let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 6:5 – 15 (NRSV)

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. ¹⁰ May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴ “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

“How Shall We Pray?”

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

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Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

† **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 into hell. 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 quick 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**

#711 (3)

Lord of All Good

Father, whose bounty all creation shows,
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks, we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

Postlude

Max Jackson

O Sinless Lamb Of God
(J S Bach)

† **Charge and Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Cathy Wilson*

Liturgist: *J.T. Norris*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 72

General Offering: \$16,907.00

Clean Start: \$23.31

Online Offering: \$538.60

Total Offering: \$17,468.91

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 26

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

"The God You Are Looking For" Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28

Session, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29

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

Lenten Worship: CornerStone Methodist Church, Noon

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

Thursday, March 30

Caring With Heart, 5:30 p.m.



Easter Jam!

Calling all kids from ages 1 – grade 6. We are having an Easter Egg Hunt here at the Church on **Saturday, April 1 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.** Make plans to join us for a fun time!

Join Us for a Celebration!

Following our **April 2** Worship, we will host a reception for Drew McClelland as her family rejoices in the final adoption process. Welcome to FPC Miss Drew! Congratulations to Keith and Holli and all the family on this joyous occasion. There will be a basket for cards.



Maundy Thursday

We will host the Maundy Thursday Service for area Presbyterian Churches, **April 6, at 7 p.m.** This service observes the Lord's Supper and events leading through the burial of Jesus following His crucifixion and death. It is a solemn service that touches our souls. Join us for this memorable occasion.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Annual Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering will be held **Saturday, April 15, 2023** at First Presbyterian Church (500 W. Main Street, Danville, KY). All women of

the church are invited to fellowship with other women from across our Presbytery. This year's theme is: "Meeting in the Middle: Using Our Voices to Make a Difference" Registration deadline is **Friday, April 7**. For additional information and to register please contact Bettie George Frye at 606.831.8579.

Dames & Dinner



We will begin a new study on **April 20** titled "The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament." We meet **5:30—7 p.m.** Please register online at fpcaky.org so we will know how much food to order. All ladies are invited to join us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending March 24, 2022

Charline Eastin (Betty George's sister) and her Haitian colleagues
Rebecca Ferguson (John & Kay Ferguson's daughter)
Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)
Family and friends of Bill Martin (Heather Whitman)
Annie & Bob Miller
Andy Pedersen (Kris Adkins' brother)
Kim Whitman

Week ending March 17, 2022

Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
Bill Roy (Jane Justice's brother-in-law)
Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)
Mary Vanderhoof (John Ferguson's mother)
Jeff Wilson (Judy Eby's brother)

Week ending March 10, 2022

Russell W. Holbrook (Charlie Holbrook's son)
Jack Hollin (Jan Holbrook's uncle)
Terry Maggard (Jan & Charlie Holbrook's neighbor)
Michelle Maxwell (Bethany Pollack Reece)
Mary Nicholson (Rev. Ike Nicholson's mother)

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)

SERMON NOTES

“How Shall We Pray?”

Matthew 6:5 – 15 (NRSV)

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*

2023	2024	2025
<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>
	<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: TBD	Membership: TBD
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud & Kim Whitman</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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Easter Flower Order Form

Your Name _____

Hyacinth _____

Lily _____

Tulip _____

(Please list beside your choice of flower,
how many you would like to purchase.)

**In Honor or Memory of (circle one). List the name (s) as
you would like them to appear in the bulletin:**



The cost is **\$12**
for each flower.
Please make checks
payable to
First Presbyterian Church
(note Easter flower
on the memo line).

*Please return this order form and the attached check/cash to
the office or place in the offering plate by **Sunday, April 2.***