



OLD
TESTAMENT
LESSONS

1 Samuel:
When God Is Calling



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Open My Eyes, That I May See

(Emma Lou Diemer)

Call to Worship

Jane Justice

Leader: Lord, You call, but we do not always recognize Your voice.

People: Sometimes we don't listen carefully. Sometimes we're caught off guard.

Leader: Lord, You call, but we haven't always taught others to hear You.

People: Sometimes we stand in the way, allowing our voices to ring out over Yours.

Leader: Lord, You call, but we don't always believe our ears.

People: Sometimes we believe we know better. Sometimes we think You can't possibly be calling us, or her, or him.

All: Forgive us, Lord, for our unpracticed listening, our closed ears. Help us to hear You clearly. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.

Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth
everywhere.

Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to
share.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

† **Call of Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

We confess without reservation that our dialogue with You, O God, is not really a dialogue. Too often, we ask without listening, complain without offering thanksgiving. We pray and cannot understand why we get no response. Awaken us to wonder: If You called, would we answer? Or would you get a busy signal? Would You leave a message, and get no answer in return? We confess anew our impatience and our unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of Your presence. Forgive us, loving God. Thank You for letting us try again. Let us be still and listen to what You would say to us this day.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#441 (2)

All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with tears of anguish: Christ forgives and so I sing.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!

Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me: love me still and cleanse within.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

John Ferguson

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God

(Gordon Young)

Now sing we joyfully unto God!

We sing so joyfully unto God!

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1 – 10 (NRSV)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So, he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle."

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

Psalm 128

#47

Bless All Who Trust in God

Bless all who trust in God and walk within God's ways;
bless every soul whose happiness springs from the Lord's own
praise!

Let families be strong and sparkle bright as wine;
let parents and let children thrive and flourish like the vine!

And since we may not boast such joys are ours by right,
teach us, good Lord, to take Your gifts with thanks and with
delight.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:16 – 20 (NRSV)

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

¹⁹ As He went a little farther, He saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

²⁰ Immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed Him.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

1 Samuel: When God Is Calling

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of Your tone.

As You have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which You impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, Your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as You will, and when, and where
until Your blessed face I see,
Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

A Modern Creed

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to His children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. In and through God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we believe! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering—CAREs

† **Doxology**

#394 (4)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#69

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My words to them. Whom shall I send? (Chorus)
I, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (Chorus)

Postlude

Max Jackson

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

(J.S. Bach)

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Ushers: *Charlie & Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Jane Justice*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 69

General Offering: \$3,132.74

Backpack Ministry: \$200.00

Clean Start: \$122.00

Operation Christmas Child: \$100.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$100.00

Online Giving: \$275.00

Total Offering: \$3,929.74

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IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 22

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Table + Treat, Pastor & Staff Appreciation, Noon

Monday, October 23

Empty Nest Angels, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 25

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

Sanctuary Open for Prayer, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

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

Thursday, October 26

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m. | Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Collecting Donations for Thanksgiving Baskets

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets, **October 22—November 12**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We had an overflowing of items last year. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. You may drop off your donations here at FPC during office hours, Monday – Thursday or Sundays. Thank you for your giving spirit!

Items needed:

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Gravy	Stuffing
Biscuit or Roll Mix	Cranberry Sauce	Canned Green Beans
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Crispy Onion Straws	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Brown Sugar	Marshmallows	Pecans
Canned Corn	Pumpkin Pie Filling	Canned Milk
Coffee and Tea	Hot Cocoa Mix	Clothes Baskets

All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is **October 29**. Please join us as we pay homage to our dearly departed saints and loved ones. If you have a loved one who has passed into the kingdom within this last year, please notify the Church office by **Sunday, October 22** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.

FPC Advent Devotional Booklet



Would you help us in creating our own Advent Devotional booklet for this year? Our theme is "The Best News Ever!" Your devotional should include a scripture, brief devotional about a special remembrance of a Christmas past, and a closing prayer. The deadline for submission is **October 29**.

Stewardship Campaign for 2024

We are excited to announce that our Stewardship Emphasis for 2024 is **November 5–19**. Our theme for this year is ***God Loves A Cheerful Giver***. Please be in prayer for your response. You will receive a letter/commitment card in the mail by **November 1**. May each of us give cheerfully this coming year and watch how God blesses us all!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
cordially invites you to our

Crafternoon Party

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
12:15—2:30 p.m.

We will have craft demonstrations and stations to make & take:

- Tiered trays and more (*Barb Payne*)
- Handmade cards (*Jane Justice*)
- Stamping designs (*Pam Potter*)
- Holiday bows (*Kay Ferguson*)
- Baking cookies (*Cathy Wilson*)

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Cookies and Drinks
Childcare provided

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 2

Bettie George Frye (606.831.8579) or Cathy Wilson (606.922.6425)

First Presbyterian Church Bethesda Community Hall
1600 Winchester Avenue, Ashland

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending October 19, 2023

Raechel Chambers

Rebecca Ferguson (John & Kay Ferguson's daughter)

Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Judge Lew Nicholls (Charlie & Jan Holbrook's friend)

Bob Poore (Kingsbrook, #225)

Rev. Steve Smythers (Bill & Nanette)

Jim Wiseman

Israel/Middle East Conflict

Week ending October 12, 2023

Kyle Call (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

JP Pinson (Kelly Hanni)

Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

Week ending October 5, 2023

Joe Bill Frazier (Kelly Hanni)

Mary Vanderhoof (John Ferguson's mother)

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

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon, Martha Gesling (Cabell Huntington Hospital, #3351), Annie & Bob Miller, Derek Payne, Kim Whitman

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 Lilly)

Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

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2024	2025	2026
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		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
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