

THOSE IN THE BOAT  
WORSHIPED HIM, SAYING,

"TRULY YOU ARE THE  
SON OF GOD."

MATTHEW 14:33

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



*The ♥ of Ashland*

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

*Andante con Moto*  
(Alexandre Guilmant)

**Call to Worship**

*Jan Holbrook*

Leader: We are God's work of art.

**People: Each one a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter's delight.**

Leader: We are God's handiwork, reborn in Christ Jesus to be a blessing,

**People: Every one of us, woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

Leader: We are God's creation.

**People: All of us, touched by grace, saved by faith and beckoned to praise.**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#39

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, we are weary, we often believe we are alone, and we feel caught on a treadmill we can't get off. We're running a race -- but we don't know where the finish line is or have any idea what the prize is for completing the race. We have taken our eyes off You, the One who designed the course and sets the pace. Rather than setting our sights on You, rather than determining our priorities through our faith, we have allowed ourselves to be led by the values of the society, and whatever new shiny thing which grabs our attention. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Help us to turn back to You -- the source of our existence and our strength -- trusting in Your providence, confident You will carry us in times of sorrow, assured You will provide all the strength we need. In Jesus' name, 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**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

*All Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
(Melchior Vulpus, Arr. Ludwig Lenel)

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, power, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow  
stills -To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made  
His gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade  
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo, all is just, and all is right –  
To God all praise and glory!

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **The Epistle Lesson**

Galatians 2:16 – 21 (NRSV)

<sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, <sup>20</sup> and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Psalm 121**

#45

##### *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved; Your guardian never sleeps;  
God's watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need.  
Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

**† The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 14:22 – 33 (NRSV)

<sup>22</sup> Immediately He made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning He came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."  
<sup>28</sup> Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!****Sermon***Rev. Bill Pollack****"What Kind of Faith?"*****✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠****† Hymn of Response**

#829

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire.As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
be Thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;  
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold,  
sullen stream shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

† **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: 05. Cents a Meal*

† **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**

#840

*It Is Well with My Soul*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll.  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

**Closing Voluntary**

*Max Jackson*

*Voluntary in B flat*  
(Maurice Greene)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Steve Jackson*  
Liturgist: *Jan Holbrook*  
Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

## LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 73

Offering: \$6,484.94

Online Giving: \$1,525.00

**Total Offering: \$8,009.94**

Backpack Ministry: \$350.00

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

**Ministry Team Meetings, 5:30 p.m.**

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



OCC shoeboxes are available in the Narthex. Please return your filled box by **November 13**. We will dedicate the boxes and deliver them to the collection center. Thank you in advance! (*Mission Ministry Team*)

### PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world—and right here at home.

→25% stays with our congregation.

→25% goes to our region.

→50% supports Presbyterians across the globe. The offering will be received **October 2—16**. Please mark “peace offering” on your check. Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. Thank you! (*Mission Ministry Team*)

## JOIN US FOR TABLE & TREAT!

On **Sunday, October 23** following morning worship, we will gather for a time of good food and fellowship. We will enjoy soup, salad, grilled cheese sandwiches, and homemade desserts. We will experience a "Table & Treat" with our children. Children are invited to wear their costumes. We are encouraged to bring a treat for our kiddos. It is always a fun time for us all! We will also observe a time of Pastor & Staff appreciation. Please plan to come and share in the fun!



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



All Saints' Sunday is **October 30**. 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 23** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.

## CHECK OUT THE BEAUTIFUL PAINTING IN THE NARTHEX

The artist is Lee Ann Billups Blevins. She is a native of Kenova, West Virginia. She graduated from Marshall University with a degree in art education in 1987. She is a retired art educator of over 30 years in Cabell County, WV, is a current member of Allied Artists of WV, Tri-State Arts Association of WV, and Tamarack Artisans of WV. She specializes in portraits of people and pets, but also loves painting landscapes and seascapes. Her work has been included in shows at Huntington Museum of Art, Gallery Eleven of Charleston, Grayson Gallery in Grayson, Kentucky, Parkersburg Art Center, Mathena Center in Princeton, WV, and Tamarack.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending October 7, 2022

Pastor Bill  
Judy Fannin  
Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)  
Kim Whitman

### Week ending September 30, 2022

Jim Burgin (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law's father)  
Phil Chavez (online request)  
Delayna Crookes (Amy Crookes' daughter-in-law)  
Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)  
Anders Pedersen (Kris Adkins' brother)  
Arvind Poncho (online request)  
Lee Virgin (Brett Gehringer's grandfather)

### Week ending September 23, 2022

Mary Brown (Kim & Mike Whitman's daughter)  
Nancy Jackson (Steve Jackson's wife)  
Nancy Payne  
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:** 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 Scott A. Brown (husband of Mary Whitman Brown)  
Lieutenant Colonel Chris Potter (USAF, Germany, nephew of Max  
& Lois Jackson, Bruce & Cindy Roe, and Roger & Pam Potter)  
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lily)

## SERMON NOTES

***“What Kind of Faith?”***

(Matthew 14:22 – 33)

## 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
<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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