



Truly
I tell you,
TODAY
you will be
with me in
PARADISE.

LUKE 23:43



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter | Communion Sunday

May 3, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

The Church's One Foundation

Andrew Moore

† **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 111)

Heather Whitman

L: Praise the LORD! Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart.

P: Great are the works of the LORD, Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

L: He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P: He provides food for those who fear Him; He is ever mindful of His covenant.

L: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever. Amen!

† **Easter Hymn**

Low in the Grave He Lay

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

*Refrain: Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er
His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives
forever, with His saints to reign.*

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

O God, before we come to Your table, we desire to make our hearts right before You. We are sinful, and so we confess our sins. We confess our selfishness, our greed, our deceit, our pride. Bring to light anything else that we may be hiding from You. Thank You for the unending promise of Your grace and forgiveness. Thank You for taking our sin and washing it clean by Your work on the cross. Give us hearts that desire to turn from sin and live like You. We are so grateful for Your mercy. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#245 (3)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Robert Powell

Hail the day that sees Him rise, to His throne above the skies.
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, enters now the highest heaven.
There the glorious triumph waits, lift your hearts, eternal gates.
Christ hath conquered death and sin, take the King of glory in.
See he lifts his hands above. See, he shows the prints of love!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow blessings on the Church below.
Lord, beyond our mortal sight, raise our hearts to reach Thy
height, There Thy face unclouded see, find our heaven of heavens
in thee.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3–8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places, →

⁴ just as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace that He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that He lavished on us.

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

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 23:39–43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Because of Him

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eyes 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.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

† **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

† **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **The Lord's Supper** ✠

Invitation to the Lord's Table

"The Man on the Middle Cross Said I Can Come!"

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 (sins)

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(As you receive the bread and cup this morning please eat the piece of bread individually and retain the cup until all have received it so that we may take it together.)

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#223 (1,2,4)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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 through His blood.

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.

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

Robert Hobby

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Heather Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 82

General Offering: \$868.25

CARes: \$75.00

Online Offering: \$506.22

Total Offering: \$1,449.47

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

↪ SUNDAY, MAY 3

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School (K–4th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group (5th – 12th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

↪ TUESDAY, MAY 5

Tai Chi, 5 p.m. | Zumba, 5 p.m.

↪ WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Handbell Rehearsal, 6 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

↪ THURSDAY, MAY 7: National Day of Prayer

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

↪ SATURDAY, MAY 9

Zumba, 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

▶ Thinking About Church Membership?

Pastor Bill will be offering membership classes for those interested in joining the church. The classes will meet for approximately one hour immediately following Worship, and lunch will be provided. The dates are tentatively set for

May 24 & 31 and June 7. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Bill know as soon as possible by texting him at 606.547.1802 or emailing pastor@fpcaky.org.



▶ Baby Bottle Blessings



We will once again be offering baby bottles on Mother's Day, May 10, to collect money for *Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center*. Please take a bottle and fill it with coins, cash, or a check. The baby bottles are due back on Father's Day,

June 21. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

► Presbytery Regional Meeting Here

First Presbyterian here in Ashland is excited to host the Spring Meeting of the Transylvania Presbytery on **Saturday, May 16**. Registration will take place from **9 –10 a.m.** We look forward to welcoming members from across our Presbytery to showcase our congregation and the various missions and ministries we support. The event will include worship with communion, a delicious lunch, and the opportunity to hear how God is at work among our churches. Please join us as we pray for this gathering. May the Lord be lifted up among all those who are present.

► Upcoming Congregational Meeting



We will conduct our Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, May 17** following morning worship. We will be affirming nominations of Elders and the new Nominations Committee. This is for all members of the congregation. Please make plans to attend.

When and Where is the next PW Churchwide Gathering? August 5–8, 2027, Louisville, Kentucky



Save the Date

to gather in person and
in faithful community
at the **2027 Churchwide Gathering**
of Presbyterian Women
August 5–8, 2027

“Shall we gather at the river . . .”
**on the Ohio River that is - in
the city of Louisville, Kentucky**

presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Held once every three years, Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering is an opportunity for Presbyterian women from across the country (and around the world!) to gather for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal. Participants will enjoy workshops, forums, plenary sessions with inspiring speakers and worship. The PW's triennial Business Meeting—where budget, leadership and programmatic emphases will be decided—takes place in conjunction with the Gathering.

Questions, see Bettie George Frye.

PUZZLE



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

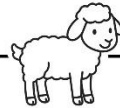
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












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| 2. weary | 6. endured |
| 3. endured | 7. scorning |
| 4. opposition | 8. shame |



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| 1. Jesus | 5. perfecter |
| 2. lose | 6. him |
| 3. pioneer | 7. faith |
| 4. sinners | 8. hand |



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| 1. eyes | 5. right |
| 2. us | 6. grow |
| 3. joy | 7. God |
| 4. heart | 8. throne |

"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5,  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6  2 and  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending April 30, 2026

Matt Dillon

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Bruce Roe (Max & Lois Jackson's brother-in-law)

Anonymous (Barb Payne's friend)

Week ending April 23, 2026

Cullen Creel (online request)

Daniel Gullet (Kathleen Filkins)

Jacob Mollette (Glen & Christy Thomas' son)

Sean Taylor (Max & Lois' son-in-law)

Week ending April 16, 2026

Carol Sanderson

Tracy Salmons (Nanette's niece)

Ongoing:

<i>Pastor Bill</i>	<i>Chris Payne</i>
<i>Christina Akers (Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Derek Payne</i>
<i>Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Khyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Bob Miller</i>	

Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation: Kenny McGill, Sr.

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Betty Jean Phipps

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Lieutenant Colonel 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*

2026	2027	2028
<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>
<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>
<i>*2nd term of service</i>		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</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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