



To him be  
**HONOR**  
and  
**ETERNAL  
DOMINION.**  
*Amen.*

1 TIMOTHY 6:16



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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February 23, 2025

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

Allegretto

Alexandre Guilmant

## † Call to Worship

*David Murphy*

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

**People: For we are your children.**

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

**People: For in Christ we would live abundantly.**

Leader: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

**People: For in you we live and move and have our being.**

**All: O God, lead us into Life. Amen.**

## † Hymn of Praise

#611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee;

earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;

stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## † Call to Confession

## † Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving Spirit, who moves freely and gracefully through this world, transforming and mending the broken pieces, we confess that we stumble through life, trying to survive on our own power. We feel numbed by fear, by old habits, by the effort we expend in trying to impress others. We try to earn Your grace through our own awkward endeavors, forgetting that all that we are comes from You. In Your mercy forgive us. Fill us with Your liberating Spirit, that our souls might run, leap, and praise You, so that all the world would know Your grace and truth. Amen.

## † Assurance of Pardon

### † Response

#150 (4)

#### As With Gladness Men of Old

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

#### ✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

## Children's Message

### Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

#### Teach Me, O Lord, The Way of Thy Statutes

Thomas Atwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;  
and I will keep it unto the end.

## Prayer for Illumination

### The Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 6:11–16 (NRSV)

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before

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Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which He will bring about at the right time He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is He alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

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

**Psalm 16**

#810

When in the Night I Meditate

When in the night I meditate on mercies multiplied,  
my grateful heart inspires my tongue to bless the Lord, my Guide.

Forever in my thought, the Lord before my face shall stand;  
secure, unmoved I shall remain, with God at my right hand.

My inmost being thrills with joy and gladness fills my breast;  
because on God my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.

I know that I shall not be left forgotten in the grave,  
and from corruption, You, O Lord, Your holy one will save.

The path of life You show to me; of joy a boundless store  
is ever found at Your right hand, and pleasures evermore.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** John 5:25–29 (NRSV)

“Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For just as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself, <sup>27</sup> and He has given Him authority to execute judgment because He is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not be astonished at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and will come out: those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.

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

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***This is Love – LIFE***

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#846

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up thine eyes and seek Christ's face.

Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy Guide.  
God's boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.  
God changeth not, and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.

† **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.**

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**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**

#394 (4)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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**

#839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:*

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

**Postlude**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Anne Davis

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

## SERVING TODAY

Head Ushers: *Larry & Cathy Wilson*

Liturgist: *David Murphy*

## LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 45

Clean Start: \$23.00

General Offering: \$6,035.00

Online Offering: \$125.00

**Total Offering: \$6,183.00**

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### ► **Sunday, February 23**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m./cancelled

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

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

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

### ► **Monday, February 24**

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

### ► **Tuesday, February 25**

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

### ► **Wednesday, February 26**

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

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

### ► **Thursday, February 27**

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

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

### **3rd Annual Spring Concert**



We are pleased to announce that FPC will host the 3rd Annual Spring Concert,

**Saturday, March 1** beginning at

**12:30 p.m.** This year's program includes Dr.

Denine LeBlanc, Max Jackson, Calvin Riggs

and members of the First Christian Church Choir. Come and let your spirit be uplifted through song. We will gather in the upstairs choir room. See Bettie George with questions.



## BABY POOL MAKING A SPLASH 2025

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF MOM-TO-BE

*Kara Adkins*

March 1st @ 2:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church  
1600 Winchester Ave.  
Ashland, KY 41101

### *Diaper Raffle Delight*

DIAPER RAFFLE DELIGHT  
BRING A PACK, TAKE A DIVE,  
WITH EACH TICKET, YOU MIGHT THRIVE.  
WIN A PRIZE THAT MAKES A SPLASH,  
A JOYFUL WAVE, A FUN-FILLED BASH!

*A Request from Mom-to-Be*  
INSTEAD OF CARDS, LET'S MAKE A SPLASH,  
BRING A BOOK, LET THE STORIES OUTLAST!

A TALE THAT YOU TREASURE,  
A SWEET LITTLE LOOK,  
WILL BE SHARED WITH THE BABY,  
SO PLEASE BRING A BOOK.

*We can't wait to celebrate together!*

*Kara is Registered at Amazon and Walmart*





## Join Us For Brunch!



## **Fat Tuesday BRUNCH**

sausage, breakfast casseroles, yogurt, fruit, and donuts.

Join us for “Fat Tuesday Brunch”  
on **Sunday, March 2**

immediately following morning  
worship. The menu is pancakes,

## Ash Wednesday Service

Join us **Wednesday, March 5** for an Ash  
Wednesday Service beginning at **7 p.m.** The  
Imposition of Ashes will be offered. This  
service prepares us as we begin our Lenten  
reflection on a journey to a garden, a cross, and an empty tomb.



## Food Drive



We are collecting food for the Ashland  
Youth Service Center Food Pantry. We  
will continue to collect food until  
**Sunday, March 16.** Below is a list of  
items needed:

- Pop tarts
- Instant oatmeal
- Cereal bars
- Granola bars
- Mac n cheese
- Knorr's fiesta sides rice
- Spaghetti noodles
- Canned pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Cheez-its
- Cheese crackers
- Peanut butter crackers
- Gripz
- Trail mix
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Soup (w/beef, chicken or potatoes)
- Chef Boyardee
- Ramen Noodles
- Packaged cookies

## Clothing Swap Coming Soon!

Winter days are a great time to clean out your closet! It's never  
too early to gather items for the **CLOTHING SWAP** scheduled for  
**Saturday, March 29, 1 p.m.** See Barb Payne with questions.



## CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,  
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse  
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse  
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command  
is this:
- d. And over all  
these virtues  
put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what  
great
- g. There is  
no fear in



- 1. each other as I have  
loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one than this: to  
lay down one's life for  
one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives  
out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply,  
because love covers  
over a multitude of sins.  
1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished  
on us, that we should  
be called children of  
God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved  
us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all  
together in perfect  
unity. Colossians 3:14

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Week ending February 20, 2025

Sydney Anderson (Kathleen Filkins)

Family of Mikey Gamble (Kris Adkins)

Barb Payne

Family of Iris White (Ish & Lisa Stevens' aunt)

### Week ending February 13, 2025

Family of Lee Hogsten (Larry Wilson's cousin)

Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

Tim Shephard

### Week ending February 6, 2025

Family of Joyce Averill (Roger Potter's sister)

Jimmy Hall

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

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

**Kingsbrook Care Center:** Barry Barbour

**The Lantern:** Carolyn Graber

**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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