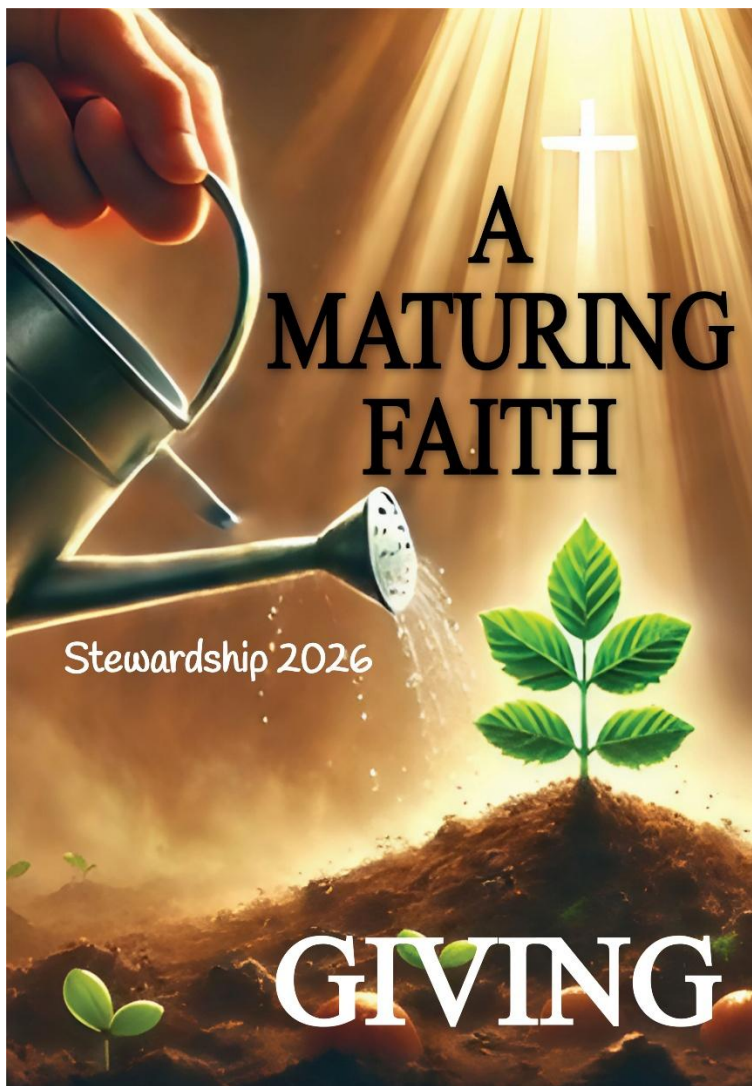




A MATURING FAITH

Stewardship 2026

GIVING



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday | Celebration Sunday

November 23, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment (Giving)

JT Norris

Prelude

Max Jackson

Prelude in G Major

J S Bach

† Call to Worship

JT Norris

L: Changeless King Jesus, beginning and end,

P: Receive us, as we turn to You. Bend Your ear to our prayers.

L: Changeless King Jesus, our great High Priest,

P: Bring our prayers before the Father, in the presence of the Spirit.

L: Changeless King Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb,

P: Wash us clean, in Your redeeming blood.

L: Changeless King Jesus, author and finisher of our faith,

P: Guide us to our eternal home.

L: Changeless King Jesus, victor over death,

P: Come again, and make Your dwelling among us.

All: We celebrate Your goodness today and always. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#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?

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 word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

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 till their hearts be satisfied;

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, You desire that Your Son, our Savior, have first place in everything in our lives. Yet, we so easily relegate Him to a lesser place, choosing to live for ourselves and apart from You. Often we seek Your assistance and strength only when we face trouble. Forgive us and free us from our selfishness. Open our hearts to Christ's reign over all things, for it is in His name we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

Glory Be to the Father

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

Anthem

Chancel Choir

The King Shall Come

Thomas Keesecker

The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes. Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious rose and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes. Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race the day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see His face. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly King of kings.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:5-6 (NRSV)

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for He himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

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

Psalm 116

#655

What Shall I Render to the Lord?

What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be,
for all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?

Salvation's cup my soul shall take while to the Lord I pray,
and with God's people I will meet, my thankful vows to pay.

Not lightly dost Thou, Lord, permit Thy chosen saints to die;
from death Thou hast delivered me; Thy servant, Lord, am I.

Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord,
and praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 12:41-44 (NRSV)

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

Sermon

A Testimony of Generosity

✦ **We Respond to God's Word** ✦

† **Hymn of Response**

#712

We bring our commitment cards forward and lay in basket

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field.

To God, the Giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield.

So we, today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering that all may truly live.

The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve Your cause and share Your love with all along life's way.

O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

† **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/Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CARES

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Thanksgiving** (Sending)

#643

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Teresa Cassity* | Liturgist: *JT Norris*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 84

General Offering: \$2,916.18

Wedding Deposit: \$100.00

Operation Christmas Child: \$80.00

Online Offering: \$345.00

Total Offering: \$3,441.18

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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.

Thanksgiving/Stewardship Celebration Dinner, Noon

Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m.

Ashland First Church of the Nazarene (2201 Bath Avenue)

➡ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

➡ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

➡ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

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

➡ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

➡ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

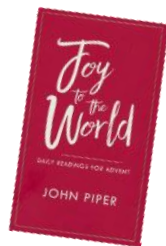
Zumba Class, 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi, 11 a.m.



Please join us on **Sunday, November 30, following morning worship** in the Bethesda Hall for a Family time of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! A pizza lunch will be provided. Questions, see Kelly Hanni.

● Advent Devotional

Don't let Christmas sneak up on you! Prepare your heart and rejoice in the spiritual journey leading to that holy day with 25 devotional readings from John Piper. The devotionals are available on the table in the Narthex.



● Christmas Cookie Exchange



The cookie exchange is scheduled for **Sunday, December 14** following worship. Please bring your cookies individually wrapped and/or in baggies. We look forward to this festive time of sharing our favorite cookies with one

another. Rumor is that we will have "special" visitors who will delight the hearts of children of all ages. Questions, see Cathy Wilson.

● Mitten Tree Collection

We are collecting gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for the Ashland Family Resource Center. Your contributions will greatly benefit those in need within our community during the colder months. The mitten tree is in the Narthex. We truly appreciate your continued support for this important ministry. Thank you for helping us make a difference!



● 2025 Pledges Update

If you made a pledge to FPC in 2025, a giving statement reflecting your contributions to date has been placed in your mailbox. We extend our sincerest gratitude for your continued support of FPC. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and vital to our ministry. If you have any questions regarding your statement or your contributions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.

Once in a while, in the middle of an ordinary life,
love gives us a Fairytale.

CASSIE STEVENS & MICHAEL HESS



Please join us for a
wedding shower for
Cassie & Michael
Sunday, December 7
immediately following
worship. It will be located
in the Narthex.

Just a reminder, Cassie lives
in Florida. Sending gifts to
her home address or giving
her gift cards are the best
way to shower her.

www.theknot.com/us/cassie-stevens-and-michael-hess-jan-2026/registry

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending November 20, 2025

Tyler & Courtney Adkins Family on the loss of their son
(Ashton Wheeler's cousin)
Family of Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)
Family of Sharon Lawson (Susan Martell)
Jackie Murray (Lee Hall's mother)
Roger Potter

Week ending November 13, 2025

Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)
Angel Horn (Nanette)
Kyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)
Stephanie Lester (Nanette)
Joyce McCallister (Susan Martell)
Peggy Padgett and family (Don Lilly's sister)
Ben Steele (Heather Shay & Angie Lewis' co-worker)

Week ending November 6, 2025

Luca Adkins (Jess Goodwin)
Elsie Clark
Nancy Payne (Woodland Oaks Rehabilitation)
Pete Wonn

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie
Holbrook; Keith McClelland; Kenny McGill; Bob Miller; Derek
Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; 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 Mike Whitman);
Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg
Weston (Army National Guard); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army,
niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 _____ his _____.

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

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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