

**“EVERYONE THEN
WHO HEARS THESE
WORDS OF MINE
AND DOES THEM
WILL BE LIKE A WISE
MAN WHO BUILT HIS
HOUSE ON THE ROCK.”**

MATTHEW 7:24



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

I Love to Tell the Story

Robert Powell

† **Call to Worship**

Ryan Whitman

L: The Word of God is near us.

P: The reign of God is close at hand.

L: Daily, daily it draws closer.

P: Yet its movement is very slow.

L: So slow we often lose sight of it.

P: Our hope falters.

L: Let us therefore place our hope in God.

P: Let us commit ourselves to God's Word revealed in the flesh.

All: May the Word of God find a home in our heart. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#366

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story because I know it's true.
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story; it did so much for me,
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story; for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

O God, You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves; You know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible. How often do we forget to pray. There are the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to You, when we are in trouble. Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much You love us. Forgive us and make us clean. May we feel Your forgiving Spirit now. 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

A Canon of Praise

Natalie Sleeth

Praise Him! O come ye people, praise the Lord forever.
Sing praises to His holy name. To the God of glory loudest praises
bring, source of our salvation, our eternal King.
Praise Him, praise the Lord forever, come and praise Him;
come and praise the Lord.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:12–17 (NRSV)

¹² Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

Psalms 119 (tune: Maryton)

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth

Teach me, O Lord, Your way of truth,
and from it I will not depart.

That I may steadfastly obey,
give me an understanding heart.

In Your commandments make me walk,
For in Your law my joy shall be.

Give me a heart that loves Your will,
From discontent and envy free.

Turn heart and eye from vanities,
preserve my life within Your way.

Confirm to me Your holy Word
promised to those who fear Your name.

Lord, turn away disgrace and dread.
Your righteous judgements I confess.

To know Your Word is my desire.
Revive me in Your righteousness.

† The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:24–27 (NRSV)

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that

house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock.

²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

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

Sermon

The Church: IN-formed

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† Hymn of Response

#838

Standing on then Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let His praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

† 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

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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 (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Clean Start

† **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 Sending**

#694

Great God of Every Blessing

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank You? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending Your covenant embrace.

In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.

For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom You impart:
sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

Postlude

Great God of Every Blessing

Andrew Moore

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kelly Hanni* | Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

↪ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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.

↪ MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

↪ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

↪ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

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

↪ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

↪ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

Safe Harbor Needs

During the month of October, we will be collecting diapers for Safe Harbor. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Jones.

Operation Christmas Child

You may choose to fill your own box or donate to the monthly cause each month. *October: small stuffed animals, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, Slinkys, balls; November: Money for postage.*

Collecting Donations for Ashland Youth Service Center

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets through **November 2**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. Thank you for your giving spirit! Items needed are located on the table in the Narthex.

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Month AND Table & Treat



FPC Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Table & Treat (CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR COSTUMES) is **Sunday, October 26** following morning worship. The menu is taco/salad bar with desserts and drinks. Appreciate our staff by gifting “a bag of BLESSINGS” with handwritten notes, small treats and gift cards. The BROWN paper packages will be available every Sunday in October.

******We are collecting candy for Table & Treat.******

All Saints Sunday

All Saints’ Sunday is **Nov. 2**. 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 office by **Sunday, Oct. 26** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.





You are invited to the First Presbyterian Women's

Well-Being Weekend

JOIN US

CLOTHING SWAP | Sat. Nov. 1 | 1-4 p.m.

CRAFTERNOON | Sun. Nov. 2 | 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

CLOTHING SWAP

It will be located on the 2nd floor – rooms 11 & 12

Join your friends and bring a friend for an afternoon of “FREE” shopping. Appetizers and drinks will be served.

Questions, see Barb Payne

CRAFTERNOON

It will be in the Bethesda Community Hall. We will have craft stations for TAKE & MAKE: Holiday Wreaths, Paper Crafts, Homemade Cookie Class, Junk Prayer/Gratitude Journals, and Bible Tassel Bookmarks.

Lunch will be served: Jimmy Johns Subs, Salad, Fruit, Cookies and Drinks.*

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME! CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED.

**A love offering will be received at the door to help cover costs of lunch.*

**PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25 IN THE NARTHEX or
TEXT Kelly Hanni (606.923.7826)**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending October 16, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Bryan & Anna Conley (Teresa Cassity's brother/sister-in-law)

Dickie Martin (Ann Wiseman)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Mike Myers (Judy Sanders' nephew-in-law)

Skip Saunders (Greg & Geri Willis)

Week ending October 9, 2025

Family of Michelle Stemmer Gifford (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Angel Horn (Nanette)

Linda Smithson (Kim Smithson's mother-in-law)

Week ending October 2, 2025

Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)

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)



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek **re**_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but **love** your **neig**_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek **jus**_____. **Defend** the _____**pressed**. Take up the cause of the _____less; **plead** the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me_____ and **to** walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

—	father_____
—	pe_____
—	_____venge
—	_____od
—	_____rcy
—	op_____
—	_____hbor
—	humb_____
—	cas_____
—	_____tice

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them
d _____to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, 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>

To visit the church website, scan the code below.



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