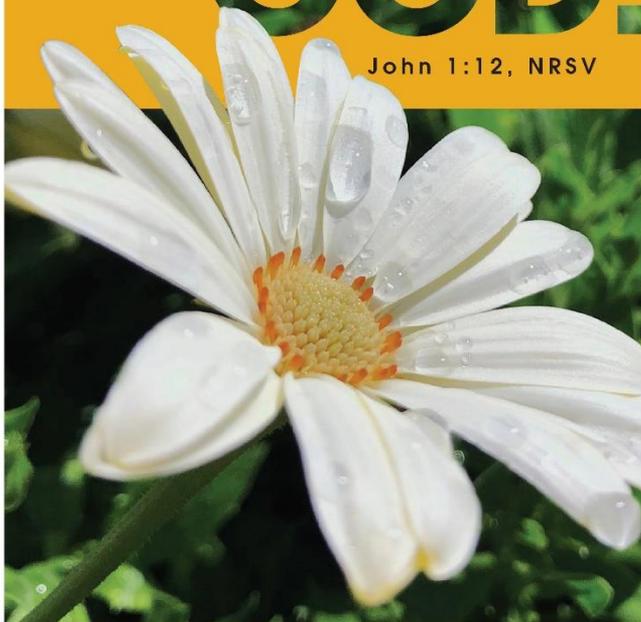


... to all who received him, who believed in his
name, he gave power to

become children of

GOD.

John 1:12, NRSV



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

O Word of God Incarnate
(Johann G. Walther)

Call to Worship

Jane Justice

Leader: Let us hear the Word of the Lord: Let us be strangely warmed by its fire burning in our hearts.

People: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light along the pathway.

Leader: In the presence of the Word, revealed in Jesus Christ, written in Scripture, praised in hymns, proclaimed in preaching, expressed in prayer,

People: Now here in this time together, let us praise God as we join in song.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.

Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Savior, we confess that we have been ungrateful recipients of the vast treasure that is Your holy scripture. We have heard Your word but not obeyed it, believed the "right" things but not lived them, claimed to know You but not followed the life You modeled. You call us to trust, but we fail to loosen our grip of control. You invite us to abide, but we chase our own pursuits. You give the Sabbath for our rest, but we ignore it. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

† **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

Pastor Bill

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Sing for Joy

(Henry Purcell; arr. H.H. Hopson)

Sing for joy, all earth, sing for joy.

Praise the Lord, bless His name. Come before Him with a song.

For He is God, and we are His, the sheep of His own flock.

Go with songs and enter His courts.

Go with thanksgiving. O come with a song.

For He is God, and we are His, the sheep of His own flock.

The Lord is good. His love and truth endures forevermore.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 4:12 – 16 (NRSV)

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before Him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the One to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalms 111 & 112

#755 (tune: Hymn to Joy)

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure.
By whose grace we find redemption in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days.
May God's promise to be faithful
echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us matchless are the gifts we share.
Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given, arms to lift when others fall.
Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent all Your children now reclaim.
May our lives reflect Your justice heirs to Your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding
brace our weakness by Your might.
Awesome honor born in wisdom Your great glory our delight.

† The Gospel Lesson

John 1:1 – 14 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came

into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light. ⁹ There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

“The Power That Can”

✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠

† Hymn of Response

#459

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass that, all life’s voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see You face to face.

† **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: *CAReS*

† **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**

#462

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 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could 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; '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]

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

I Love to Tell the Story (two verses)
(Robert Powell)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Steve Jackson*

Liturgist: *Jane Justice*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 56

Offering: \$1,628.00

Online Giving: \$125.00

CAReS: \$75.00

Total Offering: \$1,828.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Table & Treat, Noon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Session, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

JOIN US FOR TABLE & TREAT!

Join us today 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.



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 **today** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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



Stewardship Campaign 2023



We are excited to share with you about the upcoming Stewardship Campaign November 6 through November 20. This year's theme is A Life of Stewardship. The green leaves in our logo speak to our growth in becoming greater disciples of Jesus. Stewardship is one of the ways we exhibit our faith in Him. We will be sending out a letter with a commitment card by November 1. We ask you to prayerfully consider your response to the 2023 Ministry Budget. It is because of you that FPC continues to be the heart of Ashland.

The Highlands Museum Christmas Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Sunday, December 4, 2022



Ways to be involved and help:

→ **Items to Donate:** Artificial garland, Trees, Christmas items you do not want back.

→ **Items on Loan:** Nativities, Angels, Musical ornaments/décor, Battery operated pillar candles. (Please mark with your name)

→ Monetary donations: Please mark the Tour of Homes

Your donations will help pay for Ribbon, Candy, Miscellaneous work items, and Hot chocolate.

→ Volunteer your time to help decorate or clean up

When:

→ Borrowed items drop off begins: October 24 – November 13

→ Donated: now thru November 14

→ Monetary: now thru December 4

→ Your Time: Now thru????

Sign-up sheets/Donation area is in the Narthex, Bulletin Board on your left. Call or text, Kelly Hanni, 606-923-7826, for questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending October 21, 2022

Jess G. (online request)

Lorelai Shay

Scott Woods (Jane Ann Goodwin)

Week ending October 14, 2022

Family of Jim Burgin (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law's father)

Deepak Dey (online request)

Week ending October 7, 2022

Pastor Bill

Judy Fannin

Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)

Kim Whitman

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

“The Power That Can”
(John 1:1 – 14)

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,
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