



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The  of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Canon in A Flat Major
(Theodore Dubois)

Call to Worship

Cathy Wilson

Leader: Everyone come! Come and refresh without money and without price.

People: Our hunger is not slight. We thirst for harmony and hunger for integrity.

Leader: Listen together, for we have words of life. Your yearning shall be filled; our longing shall be touched.

People: For there is a promise: "My love for you shall be as for David. Listening, you shall have good food and abundance."

All: Gracious God, who has satisfied the hungry and quenched the thirst of longing people: Grant us now the gift of sight, that our eyes may see the favor of Your love. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

† **Hymn of Epiphany**

#31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Savior, our best intentions, our most concentrated willpower, our greatest exertion and effort are no match for the power of sin. We do the very thing we do not want to do and fail to do what is good and right and just. We feel the guilt of our plight and are exhausted by continually trying to do better and be better -- efforts that are doomed to failure. Into this wretched state of affairs You came, to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. In faith and gratitude we place ourselves in Your loving and merciful hands, trusting not only in Your forgiveness but also in Your power to transform us, renew us and set us free.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#435 (2)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love
were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Come Down, O Love Divine

(Colin Brumby)

Come down, O Love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine, and visit
it with Thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within
my heart appear and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in
its heat consuming; and let Thy glorious light shine ever on my
sight and clothe me round the while my path illuming. Let holy
charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine
inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler
part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so
the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out

pass the power of human telling, For none can guess its grace, till
he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 5, 11 – 13 (NRSV)

I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 50

#13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

The mighty God with power speaks and all the world obeys.
From dawn until the setting sun God's wonder earth displays.
The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth.
And stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.

God comes not with a silent form but riding on the winds.
Before God's face the raging storm its blast of thunder sends.

All hail the judge in bold array whose promise is to bless.
Who sees our sins yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.

The heavens declare Your justice, Lord as endless as the sky.

Against the taunts of disbelief our God will testify.

Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks as honor to Your might.
Refresh my faith with each new day protect me through the
night.

† The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1–11 (NRSV)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward He was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But He answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” ⁵ Then the devil took Him to the holy city and placed Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning You,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Him.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

“When Our Life Is Famished”

† 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**

#606

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Communion**

#503 (1,3)

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation
Lord we have come at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You to be counted Your friends.
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication.
Ours a commitment we know never ends.
When at Your table each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage restored.
May we increasingly glory in learning.
All that it means to accept You as Lord.

✠ The Lord's Supper ✠

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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, as we wait on the Lord and follow Him on this Lenten journey, 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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#306 (1,4,5)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

Voluntary in F Major
(John Bennett)

† **Charge and Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher:

Liturgist: *Cathy Wilson*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 79

General Offering: \$ 12,287.00

Online Offering: \$ 125.00

Total Offering: \$ 12,412.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 5

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Pastor Led Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

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

New Sermon Series Coming

Beginning with Transfiguration **Sunday, February 19**, Pastor Bill will be sharing a series of messages – *"Questions on the Journey to Resurrection."*



Fat Tuesday Observed

Following **Morning Worship, Sunday, February 19**, we invite everyone to a meal of pancakes and fixins as we celebrate **"Fat Tuesday"** in a way that only we at FPC can! Make plans to stay and fellowship.



Ash Wednesday Service

On **Wednesday, February 22** we will join with other Presbyterians and guests from our community for an Ash Wednesday Service here at First Presbyterian Church beginning at **7 p.m.** This service will help us to

begin our Lenten reflection as we journey to a garden, a cross, and an empty tomb.

Ladies Clothing Swap Fellowship Event

Start cleaning out your closet for the spring event.....March 11
2:00 - ?

Bring in your gently used items now (please put in the hall by the kitchen)

Contact Barb Payne at (606) 922-6617
barbaralpayne2015@gmail.com



SERMON NOTES

“When Our Life Is Famished”

Matthew 4:1–11

1 Corinthians 10:1 – 5, 11 – 13

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending February 3, 2022

Ransom Gehringer
Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
Nancy Jackson (Steve Jackson's wife)
John Justice, Jr. (Jane Justice's stepson)
Bill Roy (Jane Justice's brother-in-law)
Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)
Kim Whitman
Jeff Wilson (Judy Eby's brother)

Week ending January 27, 2023

Annie Miller
Lorelai Shay

Week ending January 20, 2023

Matt Chambers
Bob Miller (South Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation)
Ann Wiseman (Kingsbrook)

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, 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 Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lily)

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*

| 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
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| <i>Mitch Hall</i> | <i>Cathy Wilson*</i> | <i>Kelly Hanni</i> |
| <i>Ryan Whitman</i> | <i>J.T. Norris</i> | <i>Kim Whitman</i> |
| | | <i>Geri Willis</i> |
| | | *2nd term of service |

MINISTRY TEAMS

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| Building & Grounds: TBD | Membership: TBD |
| Christian Education: <i>Kim Whitman & 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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