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*Woman,
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Let it be done
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as you wish.*”

Matthew 15:28, NRSV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

*Max Jackson, organist
Kim Whitman, flutist*

Morning Has Broken

arr. Stan Pethel

† Call to Worship

Mitch Hall

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**People: Let us praise God's name with dancing, making
melody to God.**

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; God adorns
the humble with victory.

**People: Let the faithful exult in glory; let us sing for joy! Let
the high praises of God be in our mouths.**

**All: In faith, let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
Amen!**

† Hymn of Praise

#41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love.

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your power has founded of old.
Established it fast by a changeless decree.
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light.
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end;
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

O Holy One, we thank You that we stand in a long line of believers who have been faithful through the ages. You have led Your people through trial and difficulty and have always set before them hope for today and hope for a better tomorrow. We pray that You would bless us in our time as we seek to be as faithful as our forebears. May we, too, know the faith which is filled with hope in things not seen. Give to us a faith like the grain of mustard seed, which had small beginnings, but which yielded large results. Give us the faith to move the mountains of difficulty which come to each of us. Give us the faith that sees a distant goal and is willing to work to achieve it. Give us a faith such as Abraham's to move forward not knowing our destination but trusting in your guiding providence. Give us a faith which is able to endure those moments of personal disquiet and to trust that you are with us. O God, give us faith to walk with You through the ebb and flow and the victories and the defeats of life and achieve victory over our doubts. In the name of Jesus, 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

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Fill Thou My Life, O Lord With Praise

H H Hopson

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part of praise, that my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways. Not for the lip of praise alone, nor yet the praising heart I ask, but for a life of praise in every part. So shalt thou, glorious Lord, from me receive the glory due; And so shall I begin on earth the song forever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care be lifted into song; And every winding of the way the echo shall prolong; So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free; But all my life in every step, be spent in praise of thee. But all my life be spent in praise of thee.

This anthem was commissioned by friends of Robert Doss on his retirement from teaching.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 6:1–12 (NRSV)

Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ and not laying again the foundation: repentance from dead works and faith toward God, ² instruction about baptisms and laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. ³ And we will do this, if God permits. ⁴ For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened and have tasted the heavenly gift and have shared in the Holy Spirit ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come ⁶ and then have fallen away, since they are crucifying again the Son of God to their own harm and are holding Him up to contempt. ⁷ Ground that drinks up the rain falling on it repeatedly and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is cultivated receives a blessing from God. ⁸ But if it produces thorns and thistles, it is worthless and on the verge of being cursed; its end is to be burned over. ⁹ Even though we speak in this way, beloved, we are confident of better things in your case, things that belong to salvation. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust; He will not overlook your work and the love that you

showed for His sake in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹ And we want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, ¹² so that you may not become sluggish but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 103

#619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;

glad of heart your carols raise.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who, like me, should sing God's praise?

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown

our forebears in distress;

God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame.

Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.

Alleluia, alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.

Sun and moon, and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 15:21–28 (NRSV)

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But He did not answer her at all. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the

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crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Winning Faith

✦ We Respond to God's Word ✦

† **Hymn of Response**

#829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen
stream shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

† **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 *and* The Lord's Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

† **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.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#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.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Suite No 14 in G Major

George Frederich Handel

2. Allegro

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Larry Wilson*

Liturgist: *Mitch Hall*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 64
General Offering: \$4,246.00
Building Rent: \$150.00
CAREs: \$70.25
Memorial: \$10,000.00
Sew Blessed: \$37.00
Online Offering: \$290.00
Total Offering: \$14,793.25

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

• Sunday, September 29

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Max's Birthday Celebration, 12 p.m.
Youth Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

• Wednesday, October 2

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Open Chapel, 5:30 p.m.
Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

• Thursday, October 3

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.
Horizons Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

During the month of October, we are collecting small stuffed animals, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, Slinkys, balls

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 6, we are observing World Communion Sunday with various breads from around the world! The children will be singing. There will be a reception in the Narthex following morning worship. Join us at the Table of the Lord as we celebrate God's love for the world!



**2024 Annual Fall Gathering of
Transylvania Presbyterian Women**
Saturday, October 12, 2024

Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center or ZOOM
along with us on your computer or phone!!



Mission Haven and Sharing Mission Ideas

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration, 10:00 a.m. Gathering followed by
a seated lunch around noon: **Lunch and Registration \$15.00**

Guest speaker: Jan Albert, Board Member of Mission Haven, and
past moderator of PW Synod.

*More information will be included in the October Heartbeats.
See Bettie George Frye with questions.*

Collecting Donations for Ashland Youth Service Center

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services



Center Thanksgiving Baskets, October 13—
November 10. This is a wonderful outreach to
many in our area who are struggling to make
ends meet. Thank you for your giving spirit!
Instant Mashed Potatoes; Gravy; Stuffing;

*Biscuit or Roll Mix; Cranberry Sauce; Canned Green Beans; Cream
of Mushroom Soup; Crispy Onion Straws; Canned Sweet Potatoes;
Brown Sugar; Marshmallows; Pecans; Canned Corn; Pumpkin Pie
Filling; Canned Milk; Coffee; Tea; Hot Cocoa Mix; Clothes
Baskets*

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Month AND Table & Treat

FPC Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Table & Treat is Sunday,
October 20 following morning worship. The menu is taco/salad
bar with desserts and drinks. Appreciate our staff by gifting a
“a bag of LOVE” with handwritten notes, small treats and gift
cards. The red paper packages will be available every Sunday in
October.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending September 26, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)
Amy Crookes
Roberta DePriest (Dave & Judy Eby's friend)
John Eby (Dave Eby's brother)
Nancy (Rick) Grace (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Skip Sanders (Greg & Geri Willis' friend)
Linda Toland (Kay Ferguson's friend)
Nazym Willis (Kim Whitman's sister-in-law)

Week ending September 19, 2024

Family of Bill Barney (Lois Jackson's brother)
Family of Judy Eby (Dave & Judy Eby's sister-in-law)
Lonnie & Susie McComis (Ann Wiseman)
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Week ending September 12, 2024

Peyton Black (JT Norris)
Breck Tarr (JT Norris)

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

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

Woodland Oaks: Bob Miller

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)

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y__ h_v_
 b__ n s_v_d thr__ gh
 f__ th, _nd th_s _s n_t
 y__ r _wn d__ ng; _t _s
 th_ g_ft _f G_d — n_t th_
 r_s lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t
 n__ n_ m_y b__ st.

_ph_s__ ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

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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