

God
LOVES A
cheerful
GIVER.

2 corinthians 9:7



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment

Kathleen Filkins

Prelude

Winchester Bells

Immortal, Invisible

Arr. Arnold Sherman

Call to Worship

Mitch Hall

Leader: We are gathered to celebrate the blessings You have lavished upon us this past week by Your loving hand.

People: In our worship may we conform our souls in accordance with the inheritance guaranteed as Your adopted sons and daughters.

All: For the sake of Jesus Christ and the coming of His kingdom. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

† **Call of Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, You created us out of love, calling us to choose blessings and to delight in Your law. Instead, we follow our own desires. Rather than seeing freedom in Your decrees, we see constraints. We convince ourselves that we know what we need better than You do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short in what we do and in what we fail to do. Instill in us the desire to grow in our faith and our discipleship so we can help grow Your kingdom with integrity. In Jesus' name. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response** #439 (2,3)

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Rejoice!

Joseph Martin

Come and lift glad songs to the heavens;
come and give your praise to the Lord.

Come and sing a glad alleluia; Rejoice forever more.

Rejoice, alleluia, again I say rejoice.

Come and lift glad songs to the Father;
come and give your praise to the Son.

Come and sing your praise to the Spirit, forever Three in One.

Rejoice, let songs go forth; fill the earth with praise.

Rejoice, for He is God. Sing an alleluia.

Come and lift glad songs unto the Lord.

Alleluia, sing unto the Lord.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 144:1–4, 12–15 (NRSV)

¹ Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle, ² my rock and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues the peoples under me. ³ O LORD, what are humans that You regard them, or mortals that You think of them? ⁴ They are like a breath; their days are like a passing shadow. ¹² May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars, cut for the building of a palace. ¹³ May our barns be filled with produce of every kind; may our sheep increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields, ¹⁴ and may our cattle be heavy with young. May there be no breach in the walls, no exile, and no cry of distress in our streets. ¹⁵ Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall; happy are the people whose God is the LORD.

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

Luke 6:20–23 (NRSV)

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day

and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Counting Our Blessings

✦ We Respond to God's Word ✦

† Hymn of Response

#634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved he the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory: great things He has done!*

Great things He has taught us; great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [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 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—Organ Repair Fund*

† **Doxology** #394 (4)

All praise to God the Father; all praise to God the Son.
All praise to God the Spirit; Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne.
And honor, pow'r and glory ascribe to God alone!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending** #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross,
grave's shattered door:

gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ,
Your Son:

all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church
made one.

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
gain through powers Your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicholas Clerambault

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Geri Willis*

Liturgist: *Mitch Hall*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 78

General Offering: \$471.00

Backpacks: \$90.50

Operation Christmas Child: \$60.00

Online Giving: \$753.70

Total Offering: \$1,375.20

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IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 12

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

Monday, November 13

Ministry Team Meetings, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15

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

Sanctuary Open for Prayer, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

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

Thursday, November 16

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Please register online at fpcaky.org. It is located under the Presbyterian Women tab.

Collecting Donations for Thanksgiving Baskets

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets. The deadline is **November 12**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We had an overflowing of items last year. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. You may drop off your donations here at FPC during office hours, Monday – Thursday or Sundays. Thank you for your giving spirit!

Items needed:

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 and Tea	Hot Cocoa Mix	Clothes Baskets

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for providing a lot of joy in the lives of children around the world with your OCC shoebox! Please return your box(es) to the church by **November 12**. If you can provide \$10 for the shipping cost per box; we would be grateful. If unable to provide the money, please bring your box and we will make sure shipping is covered. Thank you for your generosity!



Stewardship Commitment cards are available on the table in the Narthex. You may also submit your commitment to **fpcaky.org**. We would like to have all the cards turned in by **Sunday, November 19**. We hope to have 100% participation this year as we anticipate greater things in 2024.

Baptism Sunday

We will observe Baptism Sunday during worship next **Sunday, November 19**. Please be in prayer for those being baptized and be ready to support them in their faith journey.

Thanksgiving & Stewardship Commitment Dinner

We will gather **Sunday, November 19**, in the Bethesda Community Hall following morning worship for a time of thanksgiving for our Stewardship Emphasis success! The Church is providing turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and drinks. **We are being asked to provide salads, sides, and desserts.** We hope to see you as we celebrate together God's blessings in our congregation.



A Chance to Say "YES"



During our Thanksgiving/Stewardship dinner following morning worship, **November 19**; you will have another opportunity to "investigate" ways to become involved in the ongoing ministries of our congregation. Various tables will offer information for the ministry programs here at FPC. You are invited to peruse and decide where you would like to be counted in 2024! Everyone offering their gifts will energize our church!

**Community Thanksgiving Service Hosted by AAMA
Summit Church of the Nazarene
(401 State Route #716, Ashland)
Sunday, November 19, 7 p.m.**

Family Fun Night/Christmas Kick-Off

Please join us on **Sunday, November 26, from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.** in the Bethesda Hall for a Family Night of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent wreaths, crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826, with any questions.



Be A Volunteer!

Make plans to join our church family on **Sunday, December 3 from noon to 6 p.m.** to help sell trees for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. The tree lot is located at the Ashland Tennis Center. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. See Kelly Hanni for any questions.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending November 9, 2023

Deployment of Erik Adkins and Unit

David Eby

Bob Poore

Bud Smith (Charlie & Jan Holbrook)

Jim Wiseman

Week ending November 2, 2023

Barry Barbour & Bonnie Pettijohn

Kyle Call (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Family of Martha Gesling

Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

Israel/Middle East Conflict

Week ending October 26, 2023

Michelle Brown (online request)

Dr. Joe Bill Frazier (Kelly Hanni)

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

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon, Annie & Bob Miller, Derek Payne

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 Lilly)



Prayer Bracelets for Erik Adkins and Unit

There are red, white, and blue prayer bracelets in the Narthex for anyone who would like to join us as we pray for Erik and his unit during their deployment!

Puzzle!

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests.
Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

almonds

gourds

nuts

apples

grapes

olives

barley

herbs

onions

beans

leeks

pomegranates

cucumbers

lentils

rye

figs

melons

wheat

H A C B R Y E B R V E N
 G A U A S N O L E M S U
 R L C R F I G S T A T T
 A M U L I M B E H A N S
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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*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</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>

To visit the church website, scan the code below.



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