

**“I WILL NOT
LEAVE YOU ORPHANED;
I AM COMING TO YOU.”
JOHN 14:18, NRSV**



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Jesus, My Joy

Johann G Walther

Call to Worship

Kim Whitman

Leader: Glorious God, this is indeed the day which You have made.

People: You cause new life to burst forth with beauty and fragrance.

Leader: You adorn the creation with splendor and grandeur.

People: We lift our voices to sing Your praises. Help us to walk in the confidence of Christ's company and look forward to the day when we will dine with Him in glory.

Leader: Fill us now with the assurance of your Holy Spirit as we sing,

All: Alleluia, Christ is alive and coming again! Amen!

† Hymn of Praise

#612

We Praise You, O God

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;
we bless Your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide You have been.

When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
and with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

How quickly we criticize the words and actions of those who have hurt us -- and how slowly we look in the mirror. Our memories are long as we review the slights that have come our way -- and yet we are oblivious to the pain we have inflicted. We look with disdain at the homeless wandering our streets -- and offer not even a prayer. We pity the ones whose lives our torn apart by disaster and violence -- and bury our heads with our checkbooks. Wake us, O God -- and forgive our selfish neglect. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#182 (2)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

✠ **We Listen to God’s Word** ✠

Children’s Moment

Lisa Stevens

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 13:17–22 (NRSV)

Carli Weston

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer, for God thought, “If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.”¹⁸ So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness bordering the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle.¹⁹ And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph, who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, “God will surely come to you, and then you must carry my bones with you from

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here.”²⁰ They set out from Succoth and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.²¹ The LORD went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

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

Psalm 139 (tune: Morecambe)

#28

You Are Before Me, Lord

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of Your love;
renew Your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of Your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of Your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of Your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see You face to face.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 14:15–18 (NRSV)

¹⁵ “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him because He abides with you, and He will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

With the Holy Spirit – I AM NOT ALONE

✦ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✦

† **Hymn of Response (tune: Rathbun)**

#293 (1–4)

Loving Spirit

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, You have chosen me to be.
You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Like a mother You enfold me, hold my life within Your own.
Feed me with Your very body, form me of Your flesh and bone.

Like a father You protect me, teach me the discerning eye.
Hoist me up upon Your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in Your closeness I am known
and held and blessed.

In Your promise is my comfort, in Your presence I may rest.

† **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

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**

#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

#643

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices.
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Postlude

Voluntary in G Major

William Walond

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jimmy Hall*

Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 61

General Offering: \$698.00

Backpack Ministry: \$23.00

Online Offering: \$725.00

Total Offering: \$1,446.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

▶ **Sunday, July 14**

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

▶ **Monday, July 15**

Horizons Summer Bible Study, 4:30 p.m.

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

▶ **Tuesday, July 16**

Finance Ministry Team Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

▶ **Wednesday, July 17**

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

▶ **Thursday, July 18**

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

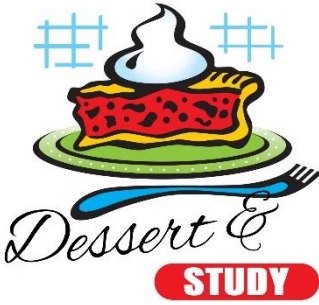
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

During the month of July, we will collect school supplies: crayons, pencils, erasers, index cards, scissors, glue sticks, markers, chalk.

Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center

We are collecting back to school supplies, daily school life and pantry items for the Center from July 7 – August 4. There is a complete list located on the table in the narthex.

Sunday Morning Study Class News



The Sunday Morning Study Class will meet for dessert and a study on **Saturday, July 20 at 6 p.m.** It will be at the home of John and Kay Ferguson (1225 Shawnee Trail, Ironton). All are invited, bring a dessert to share and a friend. If you need additional information, please see John or Kay.

Attention Kids!

Kids' (birth—5th grade) are invited to a pool party on **Sunday, July 21** immediately following morning worship. It is at the home of JT & Kelly Norris (2300 Hickory Ridge).



VBS Weekend: August 9 – 11

- ▶ Friday, August 9, 5:30–8 p.m. at Bethesda Hall (all ages)
- ▶ Saturday, Aug 10, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (ages birth–grade 5) at the Norris' home
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (youth and adult class) at the church
- ▶ Sunday, Aug 11, 10:50 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. Celebration Luncheon at the church

VBS volunteers needed, please see Lisa Stevens.



First Presbyterian Women

Invite you to join us for the

**Second Annual
Flower Arranging Party & Luncheon**

Sunday, July 28, 12:15 p.m.
1600 Winchester Ave, Ashland

Led by florist
Jennifer Runyon Nelson of Jewlies

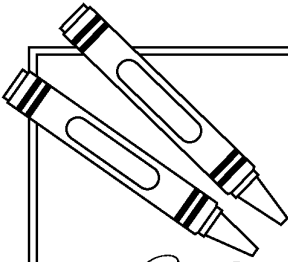
Lunch menu:
Sub-sandwiches, chips, salad, and dessert

RSVP by July 21
Cathy Wilson, 606.922.6425 or
Bettie George Frye, 606.831.8579

We'll expand on new flower techniques and ideas.
Every guest will take home their arrangements.
A love offering will be accepted
at the door to help with costs.

*Childcare will be available.





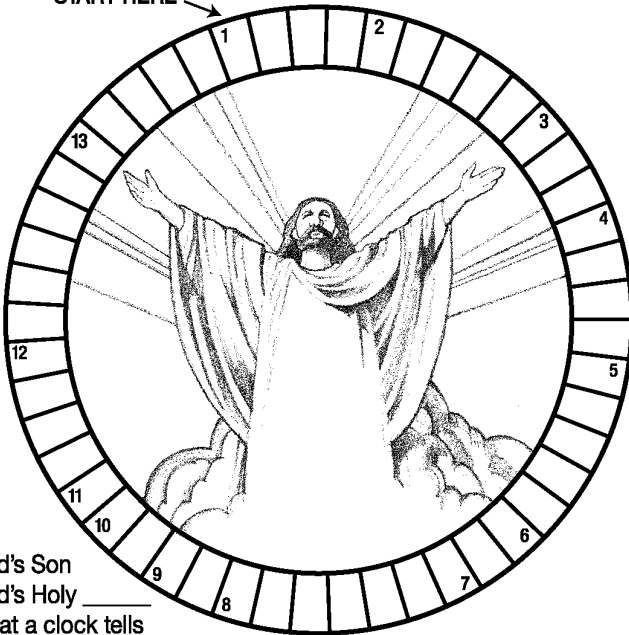
Just for KIDS

Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. God's Son | 9. Modern word for thee |
| 2. God's Holy _____ | 10. Opposite of down |
| 3. What a clock tells | 11. Authority or strength |
| 4. Our planet | 12. Comes back |
| 5. Where Jesus is now | 13. Searches for |
| 6. Opposite of Old Testament | |
| 7. An onlooker | |
| 8. Place to see clouds | |

Answers: (1) Jesus; (2) Spirit; (3) time; (4) Earth; (5) heaven; (6) new; (7) witness; (8) sky; (9) you; (10) up; (11) power; (12) returns; (13) seeks

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending July 11, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)
Jay Sanderson (Scott Sanderson's brother)

Week ending July 4, 2024

Cody Bowling and colleagues (PJ Roberts' fiancé)
Dr. Roger Potter
Family of Jeff Sanders (Judy Sanders' son)

Week ending June 27, 2024

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)
Michelle Stemmer Gifford (Nanette)
Family and Friends of Patricia Smith (Charlie & Jan Holbrook's
neighbor)

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

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Jane Justice; 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 (Kentucky National Guard)
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

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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