

Happy are those  
whose way is  
**BLAMELESS,**  
who walk in the  
law of the LORD.

**PSALM 119:1, NRSV**

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



*The ♥ of Ashland*

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
(Emma L Diemer)

**Call to Worship**

*Kim Whitman*

L: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

**P: Breathe upon us as we study Your Word of Life.**

L: Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

**P: Cleanse us from our waywardness.**

L: Deepen our passion for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**P: Give us voice to proclaim Your mighty works in every tongue.**

**A: Fill Your church with power. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#463

*How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not  
hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume,  
and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**God of our life, we confess in company with one another and before you, that we are wayward and less than faithful. We have loved things and used people; remembered slights and forgotten kindnesses; called on You in trouble and ignored You at other times; praised You in word and failed You in deed; allowed the present age to mold us and left untapped the power of the age to come. Deal with us after Your mercy for we are sorry for our sins and earnestly seek Your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

Glorify 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**

*John Ferguson*

**Anthem**

*Max Jackson, Soloist  
Calvin Riggs, Accompanist*

*Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing – American Folk Hymn  
(Arr. Jack W Burnam)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

## The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 119:1 – 16 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose way is blameless who walk in the law of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Happy are those who keep His decrees who seek Him with their whole heart, <sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong but walk in His ways. <sup>4</sup> You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently. <sup>5</sup> O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes! <sup>6</sup> Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments. <sup>7</sup> I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your righteous ordinances. <sup>8</sup> I will observe Your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. <sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to Your word. <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek You; do not let me stray from Your commandments. <sup>11</sup> I treasure Your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against You. <sup>12</sup> Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. <sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare all the ordinances of Your mouth. <sup>14</sup> I delight in the way of Your decrees as much as in all riches. <sup>15</sup> I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways. <sup>16</sup> I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

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

## Psalm 119:9 – 16

### *Direct Their Way?*

How shall the young direct their way?  
What light shall be their perfect guide?  
Your word, O Lord, will safely lead  
if in its wisdom they confide.

Sincerely I have sought You, Lord,  
O let me not from you depart;  
to know Your will and keep from sin,  
Your word I cherish in my heart.

O blessed Lord, teach me Your law,  
Your righteous judgments I declare;  
Your testimonies make me glad,  
for they are wealth beyond compare.

Upon Your precepts and Your ways  
my heart will meditate with awe;  
Your word shall be my chief delight,  
and I will not forget Your law.

**The Gospel Lesson**

John 5:30 – 40 (NRSV)

<sup>30</sup> “I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just because I seek to do not My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>31</sup> “If I testify about Myself, My testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who testifies on My behalf, and I know that his testimony to Me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup> But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given Me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on My behalf that the Father has sent Me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent Me has Himself testified on My behalf. You have never heard His voice or seen His form, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have His word abiding in you, because you do not believe Him whom He has sent. <sup>39</sup> “You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify on My behalf. <sup>40</sup> Yet you refuse to come to Me to have life.

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!****Sermon***Rev. Bill Pollack****A Healthy Church – Bible Centered*****✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠****† Hymn of Response**

#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!

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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!

† **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: Clean Start*

† **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]

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

*I Love To Tell The Story*  
(Robert J. Powell)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Mitch Hall*  
Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*  
Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

**LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 50  
Offering: \$1,868.00  
Backpack Ministry: \$25.00  
Clean Start: \$159.63

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, July 17

Armchair Theologians: *Mysteries of the Messiah*, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

**Church Directory Photo Opportunity, Noon**

### Monday, July 18

Summer Book Study, 6 p.m./Tim Horton's, Winchester Ave.

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 20

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

Summer Book Study, 6 p.m./Tim Horton's, Winchester Ave.

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



FPC is honored to participate in the

**Christmas Tour of Homes 2022**

We will have an information reception following Morning Worship on

**Sunday, July 24.**

Our current requests from the congregation:

Borrowed items (we do not need until November)

✧ Family Nativity(s) ✧ Angels

Donated items (they will not be returned)

✧ Garland of any kind ✧ Miscellaneous Items

✧ Monetary gifts for fresh greenery for outside and ribbon



You are invited to join us for a

time of visioning following morning worship, **Sunday,**

**August 7,** in the Bethesda

Community Hall. A light lunch

will precede our conversation

as we consider the direction of

FPC in the coming months and

years. You do not need to be a member of the congregation. This

is for everyone. We hope for this gathering to be over by 3 p.m.

For more information, please check with the church office. You

are encouraged to be in prayer for this time!

MR. AND MRS. JOE FRYE III  
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY  
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

*Lura Katherine Frye*

TO

*Adrian James Adams*

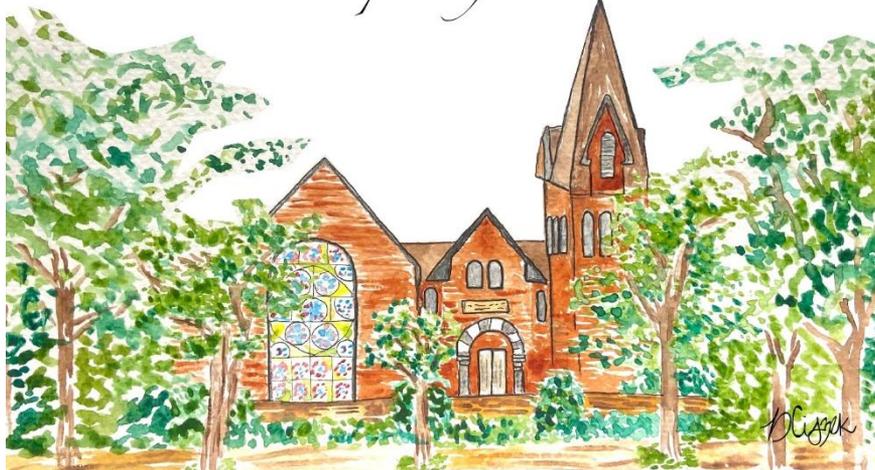
SON OF MR. HAROLD ADAMS AND DR. DENINE LEBLANC

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH of AUGUST  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO  
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

*First Presbyterian Church*

1600 WINCHESTER AVENUE  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

*Reception to follow*



*RSVP cards are located on a table in the Narthex. If you plan to attend, please fill out a card and put it in the basket. Thank you.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending July 14, 2022

Steve Corbitt (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Nancy Downs (Pastor Bill)

Jean Fraley (Bettie George Frye)

Jo Jenkins (Nanette)

### Week ending July 7, 2022

Pastor Bill

Dewitt Goodman

Family of Kathy Johnson (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Pam Lewis (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Family of Judy McCoy (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

### Week ending June 30, 2022

Ira Smith

Cray Stephenson (Geri Willis' son-in-law)

Christy Thomas (Glen Thomas' wife)

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

**Ongoing:** Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Pollyanne Sager, Janet Winans, Ann & Jim Wiseman

**Morning Pointe:** Carolyn Graber

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, Son of Kris Adkins), Major Scott A. Brown (Husband of Mary Whitman Brown)  
Major Chris Potter (USAF, Germany, Nephew of Max & Lois Jackson, Bruce & Cindy Roe, and Roger & Pam Potter)  
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, Don & Judy Lily's Niece)

## SERMON NOTES

### *A Healthy Church – Bible Centered*

Psalm 119:1 – 16

John 5:30 – 40

## 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: *Jan Holbrook*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Cathy Wilson*  
Treasurer: *Greg Willis*

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*

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Personnel: *Mitch Hall*

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