



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday
Independence Sunday

July 3, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Invocation

(Alexandre Guilmant)

Call to Worship

Ryan Whitman

Leader: From shore to shore -

People: Let God's praise be sung.

Leader: From mountains high to valleys low --

People: Let the echo of praise resound.

Leader: From the mouths of children and the prayers of the saints --

All: Let thanksgiving abound. For great is our God and greatly to be praised.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast.
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, forgive your church for its lack of courage and nerve. Forgive your church for its wealth among the poor its fear among the powers of sameness, and its cowardice among the warring of the nations. Eternal God, forgive us, your children, for our lack of confidence in your guiding Spirit our lack of hope in your empowering Spirit, and our lack of love in your generous Spirit. Humble us when we are strong; affirm us when we are weak; shame us when we trust only in ourselves; and surround us when we are lost. In your great Spirit now forgive us. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Laudamus Te
(Natalie Sleeth)

Laudamus te. We praise thee, Lord, this joyful day.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we magnify thy name.
Laudamus, laudamus, thy majesty proclaim.
Unto thee all glory be, now and for eternity.
Heaven and earth are full of thee, Holy, Holy One in Three.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:14 – 21 (NRSV)

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that One has died for all; therefore, all have died. ¹⁵And He died

for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the One who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know Him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made the One who knew no sin to be sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 30

#805

Come sing to God, O living saints, sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent, God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,
Yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure. How good You've been to me.
I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me.
But when You turned aside Your face, my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help, to You I cried with loud and bitter tears.

What good is gained by my disgrace, what profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess Your name, nor praise for You repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; be merciful to me.
Accept my longing heart's request and from death set me free.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance, my sorrows You destroy.
In faithfulness You hear my cry and fill my life with joy.
And so to You my heart shall sing, my voice Your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore, my life shall sing Your praise.

The Gospel Lesson

John 8:31 – 36 (NRSV)

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

How Are We to Remember?

✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#337

My Country, Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet
freedom's song.

Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

† **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

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.

† **Hymn of Communion**

#509 (2)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in
communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

✠ 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.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty.... Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2 x)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

Postlude

Max Jackson

In Thee Is Joy
(J S Bach)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Mitch Hall*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 58

Offering: \$403.00

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 3

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

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Church Directory Photo Opportunity, Noon

Monday, July 4

Happy Independence Day, Church office closed

Wednesday, July 6

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

Today, following Morning Worship, Charlie & Jan Holbrook will be taking pictures for our new Church Directory. Please stay after worship and have your picture taken. Our Directory won't be complete without you!



Please join us in celebrating Baby Boy Gehringer!

Saturday, July 16, 1 p.m.

FPC Bethesda Community Hall

Brooke and Brett are registered at

www.babylist.com/baby-boy-gehringer

Not much is needed, just the basics will do, such as diapers and clothes are welcome from you. If you bring diapers, a great prize you may win, in a raffle we'll be sure to put your name in. So, let's eat some good food and fun games we will play. We hope you can come, it would just make our day!



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending June 23, 2022

Ira Smith

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

Christy Thomas (Glen Thomas' wife)

Week ending June 23, 2022

Pastor Bill

Steve Corbitt (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jean Fraley (Bettie George Frye)

Judy McCoy (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Week ending June 16, 2022

Phil Chavez and Family (online request)

Herman Roe (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jim Wiseman

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 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

How Are We to Remember?

2 Corinthians 5:14 – 21

John 8:31 – 36

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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