

# Second



SUNDAY

IN LENT



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Reception of New Member**

*Angie Lewis*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

### When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Paul Bunjess

## † Call to Worship

*Jimmy Hall*

L: Prepare the way for the One who comes. Are you ready to repent and believe?

**P: We are ready and seek to learn of Him who has come to us.**

L: His call comes forth, "Follow Me and I will make you become."

**P: We turn away from false idols and reorient our lives to the One who calls us by name.**

L: The call to discipleship carries with it costs of obedience, sacrifice, and commitment.

**P: We take up our cross as we proclaim, "We will do Your will."**

**All: We seek to understand You more fully, O Lord. Amen.**

## † Hymn of Praise

#159

### O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there.  
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy.  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy.  
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow.  
Now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill.  
Of Him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.  
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,  
of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.

For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we know that in every generation You call forth prophets to proclaim Your word. We give You thanks that You are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear Your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of Your reconciling love. We confess that too often enough is not enough. We confess our unwillingness to live with less, to part with possessions. We confess that too often we sacrifice what is sacred for that which is profane. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to Your presence and Your promise. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#182 (1)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

**Children's Message**

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

O Savior of the World

John Goss

O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hath redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee,  
O Lord. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Epistle Lesson:** 1 John 1:1–10 (NRSV)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—<sup>2</sup> this Life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup> what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.<sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;<sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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

**Psalm 17** (tune: Stuttgart)

#211

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

Hear, O Lord, my plea for justice; listen to my heartfelt prayer.

In Your just deliberation may I find redemption there.

Test my heart for its affliction; purify my soul with fire.

Let my mortal tongue speak wisdom, righteousness be my desire.

Keep me, Lord, in sure protection, as the apple of Your eye.

Shelter me beneath Your shadow,  
when my hour of death draws nigh.

In its wake, send vindication; to its darkness, show Your face.

Bring me to my resurrection clothed in garments of Your grace.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 10:32–34 (NRSV)

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, <sup>33</sup> saying, “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death; then they will hand Him over to the gentiles; <sup>34</sup> they will mock Him and spit upon Him and flog Him and kill Him, and after three days He will rise again.”

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

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***The Journey to Understanding***

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from his head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

† **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: Clean Start*

† **Doxology**

#711 (3)

Lord of All Good

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
to You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#69

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin; My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

## Postlude

### Voluntary in A Minor

John James

## † Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

### **SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Jimmy Hall*

### **LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 69

Building Rent: \$75.00

Organ Repair Fund: \$71.00

General Offering: \$2,953.00

Online Offering: \$225.00

**Total Offering: \$3,324.00**

### **IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

#### ► **Sunday, March 16**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m. **cancelled, resume 3/23**

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

**Ashland Blazer YSC food pantry drive ends today.**

► **Monday, March 17**

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

► **Tuesday, March 18**

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

► **Wednesday, March 19**

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

**Lenten Worship/Noon, First Presbyterian Church**

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

► **Thursday, March 20**

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

► **Friday, March 21**

Parents' Night Out, 5:30 p.m.

**Community Lenten Services**

The AAMA is sponsoring Community Lent Midweek Worship on Wednesdays during Lent. Each service begins at **noon** with lunch at **12:30 p.m.**

**March 19—*First Presbyterian Church***

**March 26—*Cornerstone Methodist Church***

**April 2—*Holy Family Catholic Church***

**April 9—*First Christian Church***

An offering will be received at each service in support of the CArES and Community Kitchen.

**Parents Night Out**

Parents! You enjoyed your "quiet" the last time. Here is another opportunity to get out and have some "you" time! Parents' Night Out is **Friday, March 21 from 5:30—7:30 p.m.** Drop off the kids here at Church and then go shopping, out to eat or just go home and rest! There will be fun activities for the kids including crafts, snacks and a whole lot of fun!

**Clothing Swap**

Ladies, you don't want to miss the fun on **Saturday, March 29** beginning at **1 p.m.** Barb Payne does an excellent job organizing this fun event. Please bring in your donated items as soon as possible. You may put them downstairs under the coat rack. If you need anything picked up or have questions, please contact Barb (606.922.6617).





# *Happy Birthday Kara!*

## **Kara's Birthday Celebration!**

Kara's birthday is coming soon, and we invite you to join in the celebration, following Morning Worship on **Sunday, March 30.** Kara has a special ministry with our children. Help us say thanks! The celebration will be in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.

## **Easter Flowers**



You may order Easter flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex, or you can order online at [fpcaky.org](http://fpcaky.org). The cost is \$15 each. Tulips, Lilies and Hyacinths are available. Orders are due by **Sunday, April 6.** Thank you for helping to decorate our church for Easter.

## **Flood Relief Items Needed**

Once again, our Presbytery has experienced a natural disaster. This latest event hit across Kentucky but much of the worst damage was in the bounds of our Presbytery. The list of items needed is located on the table in the Narthex.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will receive this offering through **April 20.** Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Thank you for your kind response.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending February 13, 2025**

Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Mikayla Montgomery (Nanette's niece)

### **Week ending March 6, 2025**

Bob Poore

Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

Mary Vanderhoof (John Ferguson's mother)

### **Week ending February 27, 2025**

Craig Ellsworth (Ann Wiseman)

Flood Relief Efforts

Shirley O'Neal (Nanette)

Randy Smith (Chris & Barb Payne's friend)

Family of Jill Sparks (Nanette)

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

**Ongoing:** Pastor Bill; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

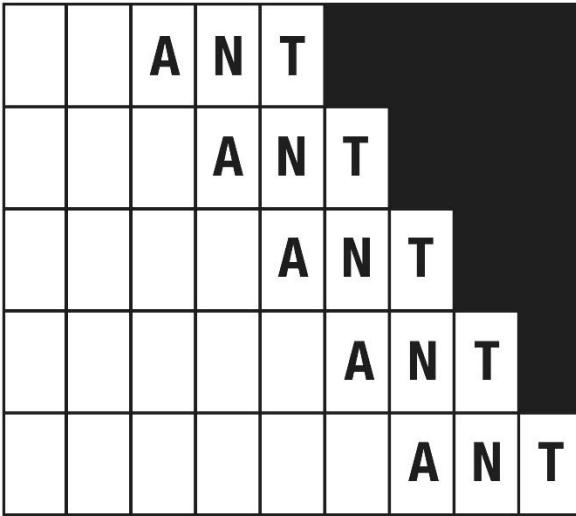
**Kingsbrook Care Center:** Barry Barbour

**The Lantern:** Carolyn Graber

**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!

Are you getting “antsy” for spring?  
Using the clues provided, fill in the spaces to  
complete these words that end in A-N-T.



CLUES (from top row to bottom row):

- ▼ An 8-foot man would be one
- ▼ To take back one's testimony
- ▼ Opposite of a master
- ▼ Pertaining to, germane
- ▼ A drug that heightens the senses

## 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:<br><i>Glen Thomas</i>   | Membership:<br><i>Kim Whitman</i>   |
| Christian Education:<br><i>Lee McCloud</i>  | Mission:<br><i>Geri Willis</i>      |
| Congregational Life:<br><i>Cathy Wilson</i> | Personnel:<br><i>Janet Holbrook</i> |
| Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>                  | Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>        |

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