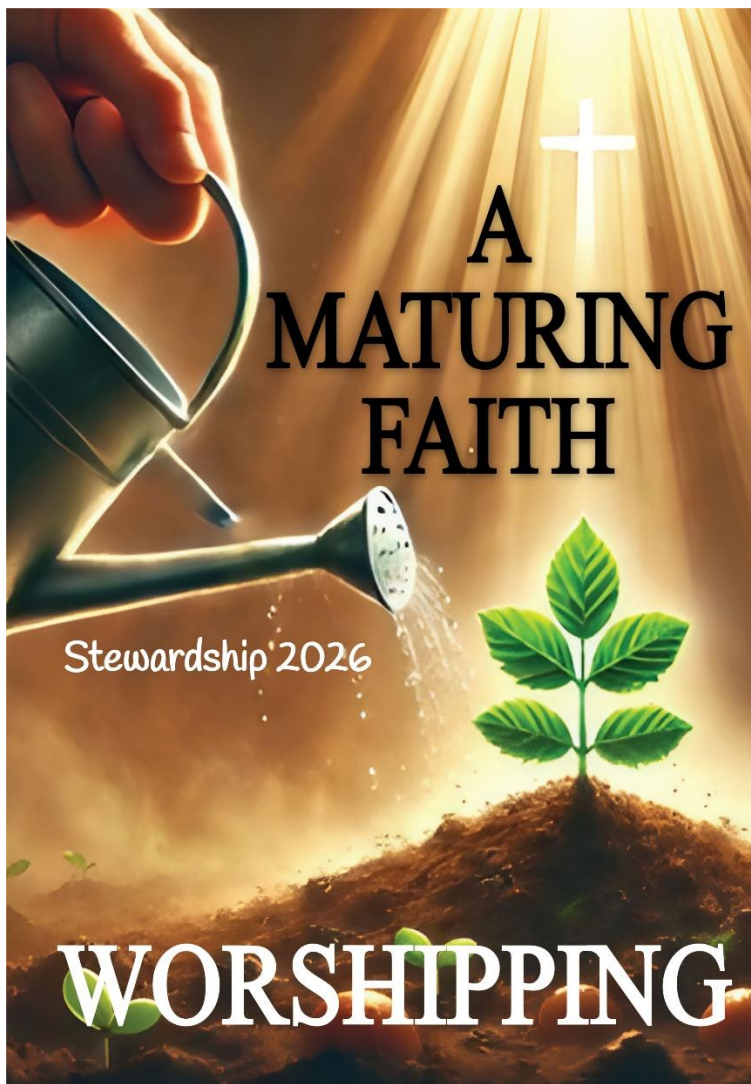




# A MATURING FAITH

Stewardship 2026

# WORSHIPPING



## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

23rd Sunday after Pentecost | Stewardship Emphasis

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November 16, 2025

10:50 a.m.

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### ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Stewardship Moment** (Worshipping)

*Ryan Whitman*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

John Behnke

### † Call to Worship

*JT Norris*

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

**People: For we are Your children.**

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

**People: For in Christ we would live abundantly.**

Leader: O God, we search for You and would worship You,

**People: For in You we live and move and have our being. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### † Hymn of Praise

#35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again;  
gladly for aye we adore Him.

### † Call to Confession

### † Prayer of Confession

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place of worship, knowing that we have failed to see You in other places and in the faces of other people. We have failed to understand and love one another as You have called us. Often, we have turned our backs on You only to face in the direction of our own self-interests. We have been shortsighted and humbly we ask Your forgiveness. Help us to turn back to You, God, and know You more fully. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### † Assurance of Pardon

### † Response

#581

#### Glory Be to the Father

Glory 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

#### Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

#### How Very Good And Pleasant

Arlen Clarke

How very good and pleasant, how very good to see, when kindred live together in unity. It is like the dew of Hermon which falls upon the hills, for there the Lord gives blessing, and there our spirit fills. For peace shall come upon you, anointing every race, the precious oil of Aaron, the precious gift of grace; the poor shall be uplifted, the scornful be made low, the Lord ordains His blessing, and life forever more.

### Prayer for Illumination

#### **The Old Testament Lesson:** Deuteronomy 6:1-5, 12-15 (NRSV)

“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy,  
<sup>2</sup> so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life and keep all His

decrees and His commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. <sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>12</sup> take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>13</sup> The LORD your God you shall fear, Him you shall serve, and by His name alone you shall swear. <sup>14</sup> Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are all around you, <sup>15</sup> because the LORD your God, who is present with you, is a jealous God.

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

## **Psalm 103**

#620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

to His feet your tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

evermore His praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor

to His people in distress;

praise Him still the same as ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame He knows;

in His hands He gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;

you behold Him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before Him,

dwellers all in time and space:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** John 6:63–69 (NRSV)

<sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of His disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God.”

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

**Sermon**

***When We Worship God***

✦ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✦

† **Hymn of Response**

#12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

† **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/Lord's Prayer** (sins)

**Offering Acknowledgement**

*Special Offering: Clean Start*

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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** (tune: National Hymn)

#707 (1,2,4)

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ; they are Thine own;  
come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;  
help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;  
use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to Thee: time, talents, all;  
we hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

## Postlude

In Thee Is Joy

J S Bach

## † Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

### SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Teresa Cassity* | Liturgist: *JT Norris*

### LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 90

General Offering: \$1,160.00

Building Rent: \$150.00

Clean Start: \$50.00

Operation Christmas Child: \$20.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$200.00

Youth Earth Care: \$20.00

Online Offering: \$325.00

**Total Offering: \$1,925.00**

### IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### ➞ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (K–4<sup>th</sup> grade), 9:30 a.m.

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

Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

#### ➞ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.**

#### ➞ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

#### ➞ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

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

#### ➞ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**Paper Angels, 1 p.m.**

**Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.**

**➡ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Zumba Class, 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

**ATTENTION BELL RINGERS!!**

If you signed up to ring bells for the Salvation Army, the location has changed. **It will be in front of Belk, front mall entrance.**

Questions, see Donna Jones.

**• Stewardship Thanksgiving Dinner**



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 23**, when we will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall following morning worship for a time of celebration and thanksgiving for our Stewardship Emphasis

success! The Church will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, desserts, and drinks. We are being asked to provide sides and salads. We hope to see you as we celebrate together God's blessings in our congregation.

**• Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

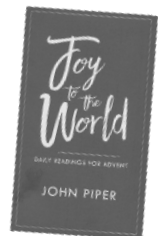
The Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at Ashland First Church of the Nazarene (2201 Bath Avenue) on **Sunday, November 23 at 7 p.m.** We hope to see you there!

**• Family Advent Kick-Off**

Please join us on **Sunday, November 30, following morning worship** in the Bethesda Hall for a Family time of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! A pizza lunch will be provided. Please contact Kelly Hanni, 923.7826, with any questions.

**• Advent Devotional**

Don't let Christmas sneak up on you! Prepare your heart and rejoice in the spiritual journey leading to that holy day with 25 devotional readings from John Piper. The devotionals will be available on the table in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, November 23**.



Once in a while, in the middle of an ordinary life,  
love gives us a Fairytale.

# CASSIE STEVENS & MICHAEL HESS



Please join us for a  
wedding shower for  
Cassie & Michael  
**Sunday, December 7**  
immediately following  
worship. It will be located  
in the Narthex.

Just a reminder, Cassie lives  
in Florida. Sending gifts to  
her home address or giving  
her gift cards are the best  
way to shower her.

[www.theknot.com/us/cassie-stevens-and-michael-hess-jan-2026/registry](http://www.theknot.com/us/cassie-stevens-and-michael-hess-jan-2026/registry)

## Christmas Cookie Exchange



The cookie exchange is scheduled for  
**Sunday, December 14** following worship.  
Please bring your cookies individually  
wrapped and/or in baggies. We look  
forward to this festive time of sharing  
our favorite cookies with one another.

Rumor is that we will have "special" visitors who will delight the  
hearts of children of all ages. Questions, see Cathy Wilson.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending November 13, 2025**

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)

Angel Horn (Nanette)

Kyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)

Sharon Lawson (Susan Martell)

Stephanie Lester (Nanette)

Joyce McCallister (Susan Martell)

Peggy Padgett and family (Don Lilly's sister)

Ben Steele (Heather Shay & Angie Lewis' co-worker)

### **Week ending November 6, 2025**

Luca Adkins (Jess Goodwin)

Elsie Clark

Nancy Payne (Woodland Oaks Rehabilitation)

Pete Wonn

### **Week ending October 30, 2025**

Family of Shirley Counts (Nanette)

Family of Christopher Franklin Johnson (Jennifer Johnson's brother)

Paula Kiser

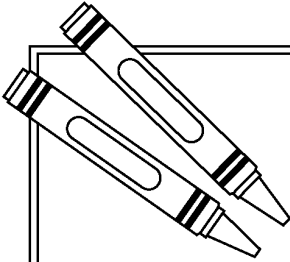
Family of Dr. Barbara Walters

**Ongoing:** Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Keith McClelland; Kenny McGill; Bob Miller; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; 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 Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



# Just for KIDS

## Worship and Celebrate

In our many different denominations and congregations, we worship in many different ways. Although we may worship differently, we believe in the same God! We go to one God in worship and celebration!

Use the code to find words and phrases of things that God's people do in worship.

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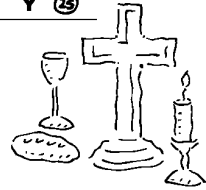
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1. Praise, 2. Pray, 3. Light Candles, 4. Play Music, 5. Give Offerings, 6. Sit Quietly, 7. Communion, 8. Lift Your Hands, 9. Read Scriptures, 10. Sing, 11. Say "Amen"

## 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*

| 2026                        | 2027                 | 2028                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Mitch Hall*</i>          | <i>Jimmy Hall</i>    | <i>Teresa Cassity</i> |
| <i>Jan Holbrook</i>         | <i>Lee McCloud *</i> | <i>Kelly Hanni *</i>  |
| <i>Ryan Whitman*</i>        | <i>J.T. Norris *</i> | <i>Donna Jones</i>    |
| <i>*2nd term of service</i> |                      |                       |

## MINISTRY TEAMS

|                                             |                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Building & Grounds:<br><i>Glen Thomas</i>   | Membership:<br><i>Teresa Cassity</i> |
| Christian Education:<br><i>Lee McCloud</i>  | Mission:<br><i>Donna Jones</i>       |
| Congregational Life:<br><i>Cathy Wilson</i> | Personnel:<br><i>Janet Holbrook</i>  |
| Finance:<br><i>Trish Hall</i>               | Worship:<br><i>Ryan Whitman</i>      |

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