



Transfiguration of the Lord

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**

The  of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Winchester Bells

Prelude in D Major
(Eugene Butler)

Call to Worship

Larry Wilson

L: We await our Savior. We gather on the mountain and with open eyes behold Him.

P: We receive strength to live in the valley.

L: God's love is revealed in the face of Christ. With unveiled faces we behold His glory.

P: His splendor is unfading; the power of His love is undiminished.

L: To us the gift of God has been revealed: God's Son, the Chosen One.

All: We listen and worship, for Christ is here. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory: great things He has done!*

Great things He has taught us; great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

O God, how many times do we miss You? We long to see Your face, to know that You are with us, and yet, we don't even recognize You. We confess our distraction, our self-absorption, our cynicism. You have not left us, You are not far off; we just need to open our eyes and see You, for You are everywhere and always right beside us. Thank You for this reminder today. Help us to stop and look around, to be still and listen. For only when we take the time to watch and hear, will we be able to know that we have encountered You. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.

† **Response**

#435 (2)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love
were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Kelly Hanni

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Anthem for Transfiguration

(Paul Hofreiter)

This is my Son, My chosen one. Listen to Him!

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:12–18 (NRSV)

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait

here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 99 (Melody: Leoni)

God reigns, enthroned on high; Let all the earth proclaim
with trembling lips the awesome might of God’ great name!

A holy Lord, whose rule is marked with equity.

Whose righteousness to us is bound all time to be.

Unto the priests of old who called upon God’s name,
The Law was spoken from the clouds and wrought in flame!

To God’s commands give heed; in faith, endure always.

Let Zion’s walls forever ring with songs of praise!

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 9:28–36 (NRSV)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with Him

Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.²⁹ And while He was praying, the appearance of His face

changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of

lightning.³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah,

talking to Him.³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about His departure, which He was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with

sleep, but as they awoke they saw His glory and the two men

who stood with Him.³³ Just as they were leaving Him, Peter said

to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not

realizing what he was saying.³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they

entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

What Happens On The Mountain

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

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

#190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has
fixed His eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions to the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill
And our living and our dying and our rising by Your will.

† **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

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light
to the world the star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain: In Him, there is no darkness at all the night
and the day are both alike.*

*The Lamb is the light of the city of God shine in my heart,
Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path and show me the
way to the Father. *(Refrain)*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy
of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Postlude

Max Jackson

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair (Deo Gracias) two versions
(Richard Hillert, E P Biggs)

† **Charge and Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Ushers: Charlie & Jan Holbrook

Liturgist: *Larry Wilson*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 48

General Offering: \$42,886.00

Sew Blessed: \$20.00

Online Offering: \$425.80

Total Offering: \$43,331.80

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 19

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

“Fat Tuesday” Pancake Brunch, Noon

“The God You Are Looking For” Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 20

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.



He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Matthew 22:37–39)

Would you like to be a better communicator? Would you like to change your relationships for the better? Do you want to let go of old destructive habits? Would you like to be a better listener? Would you like to understand your own life more fully so that you can be healthy spiritually and emotionally?

We are excited to offer a new class here at FPC! It is a 6-week class that will meet on **Thursdays from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** beginning **March 2**. The class will be led by Kay Ferguson. ***Caring With Heart*** will teach principles and skills to equip you to provide quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care for yourself and others. Your faith will be deepened as you learn and practice listening, caring, and loving others who need to be heard and valued. During this six-week class you will learn skills that will help you listen to others at a deeper level, understand your feelings and those of others and explore the importance of healthy boundaries. **You may register on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex or the church website (fpcaky.org).**

Ladies Clothing Swap Fellowship Event

Start cleaning out your closet for the spring event.....March 11
2:00 - ?

Bring in your gently used items now (please put in the hall by the kitchen)

Contact Barb Payne at (606) 922-6617
barbaralpayne2015@gmail.com



PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending February 17, 2022

Family of Reece Allyn Baker
Roy Hina (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Lois Jackson
Family of Alice Rossell (Jane Justice's mother)
Heather Shay

Week ending February 10, 2022

Annie Miller (Oakmont Manor)
Bob Miller
Kim Whitman

Week ending February 3, 2022

Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
John Justice, Jr. (Jane Justice's stepson)
Bill Roy (Jane Justice's brother-in-law)
Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)
Jeff Wilson (Judy Eby's brother)

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

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

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military:

Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins)
Cadet Katie Brown
(West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lily)

SERMON NOTES

What Happens On The Mountain

Luke 9:28 – 36 (NRSV)

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*

2023	2024	2025
<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>
		<i>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>TBD</i>
Christian Education: <i>Kim Whitman & 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>

To visit the church website, scan the code below.



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