



*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his one and  
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



*The ♡ of Ashland*

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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August 7, 2022

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

*Suite No. 8 in G Major  
Allemande & Allegro  
(G.F. Handel)*

**Call to Worship**

*Kelly Hanni*

Leader: If you are tired, and hungry, come and worship!

**People: If you are filled with joy and your spirit feels renewed,  
come and worship!**

Leader: God desires our worship, whether we have much or little  
to give.

**People: There is healing when we come before our God.**

**ALL: We are gathered here, let us worship!**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#41 (1,2,4,5)

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

O worship the King, all glorious above!

O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

You, gracious God, are love itself, and perfect love casts out fear. Come to us in merciful patience, we pray, to love us from fear to trust, from anger to grace, from doubt to faith. Love us from our self-centeredness to hearts that willingly give themselves in selfless sacrifice and service. Love us out of our scarcity to hearts overflowing with generosity. Love us from brokenness to wholeness, from resentments and forgiveness withheld to forgiveness freely offered just as it has been freely offered to us. Come to us, Lord, overwhelming us with Your love that we might love as You have first loved us. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

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**

*Kelly Hanni*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

*For Where Love Is, There is God*  
(Douglas Wagner)

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is there is God.  
Come, you poor, you weak who falter, for where love is there is  
God. Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred  
word. Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is there is  
God. Let us each love one another, for where love is there is God.

And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is there is God.  
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.  
Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is there is God.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Numbers 21:4 – 9 (NRSV)

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So, Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 121**

Melody: *Azmon*

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved; Your Guardian never sleeps.  
God’s watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord your shelter and your shade.  
‘Neath sun or moon by day or night you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe provide for all you need.  
Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

### **The Gospel Lesson**

John 3:1 – 7, 11 – 17 (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the

kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.<sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***A Healthy Church: Table Fed***

**✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠**

**† Hymn of Response**

**#182**

*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.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

(Hymn continues on next page.)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

† **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.

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.

Here in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

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**

#65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be Thou still my strength and shield;  
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

*Voluntary in G Major*  
(Henry Heron)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

## SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *J.T. Norris*

Liturgist: *Kelly Hanni*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

## LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 50

Offering: \$1,535.00

Carpet Fund: \$11,500.00

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, August 7

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

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

**Visioning Day 2022: Noon**

### Monday, August 8

**Committee Meetings, 5:30 p.m.**

### Wednesday, August 10

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

### Thursday, August 11

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

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Visioning Day 2022

You are invited to join us for a time of visioning following Morning Worship (Bethesda Community Hall). A light lunch will precede our conversation as we consider the direction of FPC in the coming months and years.

### Back to School Blessing

Join us next **Sunday, August 14**, as we will bless our students and teachers as they begin a new academic year. We invite you to join us as we celebrate a new school year!



### Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief

Thank you in advance for your generous response through our special giving for the flood victims in their recovery efforts. Truly, we can understand why FPC is the "Heart of Ashland."

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending August 5, 2022

Greg Collier (Nanette)  
Steve Corbitt (Pastor Bill & Nanette)  
Nancy Downs (Pastor Bill)  
Jean Fraley (Bettie George Frye)  
Robin Ruggles (Nanette)  
Family of Ira Smith  
Eastern Kentucky Flood Victims and Recovery

### Week ending July 28, 2022

Pastor Bill  
David Eby  
Dewitt Goodman  
Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

### Week ending July 21, 2022

Pam Lewis (Pastor Bill & Nanette)  
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 – Table Fed*

Numbers 21:4–9

John 3:1–7, 11–17

## 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: *Mitch Hall*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*  
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

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: <i>Judy Fannin</i>	Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>
Christian Education: <i>Kim Whitman &amp; Lee McCloud</i>	Membership: <i>Breck Tarr</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
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