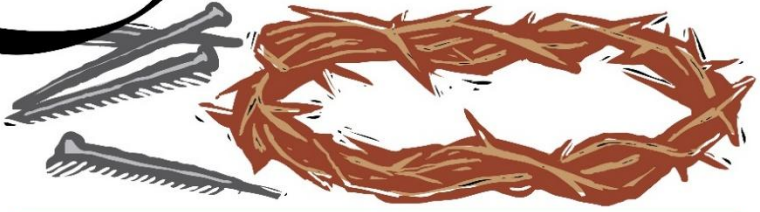


Fourth



SUNDAY

IN LENT



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

O God, Our Faithful God

Johannes Brahms

† Call to Worship

Jimmy Hall

Leader: We are walking on the path,

People: Following Jesus.

Leader: Sometimes there is joy in our step.

People: Sometimes we are not so sure--

Leader: What may lie ahead?

People: Hosannas or angry crowds?

Leader: A prayerful garden or a stark cross?

People: A holy meal or an empty place at the table?

All: As we journey through Lent; please walk with us, Jesus.

† Hymn of Praise

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: *Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

But we never can prove the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do,
where He sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Savior, we have been a wayward people. We were dead in our sin, and You gave us life. We wandered away from You, becoming exiles, and You rescued us and carried us home. We have been sick, broken and needy, and You healed and restored us. We deserve none of this. We deserve the penalty You bore on our behalf. Yet, Your love is so deep, Your mercy so wide, Your embrace so all-enfolding that You have done for us what we could never do for ourselves. You have made us Your own. You have forgiven us and loved us. We desire to follow You all the way to an empty tomb and beyond. For Your sake, O Christ, we pray. 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

I Will Lift Up My Eyes Unto the Hills

Clarke Whitfield | Arr. Duncan Faulkner

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord Himself is thy keeper, the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand; So that sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from evil; yea, it is He that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth forever more. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination**The Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 19:19–21 (NRSV)**

So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God****Psalm 66**

#54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings Your praise!
Great Your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is Your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:
walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.

Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies and rejoice!

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

† **The Gospel Lesson:**

Matthew 4:18–22 (NRSV)

As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹ As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

The Journey to Follow

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

No turning back; no turning back.

If no one joins me, still I will follow.

If no one joins me, still I will follow.

If no one joins me, still I will follow.

No turning back; no turning back.

The cross before me, the world behind me.

The cross before me, the world behind me.

The cross before me, the world behind me.

No turning back, no turning back.

† **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;

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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: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

† Doxology

#711 (1, 3)

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

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

Draw Me Nearer

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: *Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine. [Refrain]

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend! [Refrain]

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee. [Refrain]

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor ("Chromatic Fugue")

Johann Pachelbel

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Jimmy Hall*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 75

General Offering: \$920.00

Building Rent: \$150.00

CAReS: \$20.00

Easter Flowers: \$50.00

Online Offering: \$375.00

Total Offering: \$1,515.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► **Sunday, March 30**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

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

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Kara's Birthday Celebration/Noon

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

► **Tuesday, April 1**

Hosting AAMA, 11 a.m.

► **Wednesday, April 2**

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

Lenten Worship/Noon, Holy Family Catholic Church

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

► **Thursday, April 3**

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

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. 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.

Maundy Thursday

We will observe Maundy **Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.** This service combines the Lord's Supper with a Service of Darkness leading us from the upper room to the burial of Jesus following His crucifixion and death.

Easter Jam

All children in 1st thru grade 6 and their families are invited to join us for our annual Easter Jam on **Sunday, April 13** following morning worship . We will have pizzas and chicken nuggets for lunch, followed by crafts, games and an Easter egg hunt. **We are currently collecting candy and novelty items for the BUNNY STORE.** You may drop them off in the Narthex. Thanks in advance!





“Do Everything in Love”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

2025 Spring Gathering

for All Women in Transylvania

Presbytery

Saturday, April 26, 2025

at The Cynthiana Presbyterian Church

**See Bettie
George for
more
information.**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration
coffee & refreshments

10:00 a.m. Gathering including lunch

Lunch and Registration \$15.00 per person

Join in person in Cynthiana or join via Zoom.

Worship leader **The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Jones Powell,**
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church - Mt. Sterling

“Loving Our Neighbors” program,

Ginny Harville Baker, Volunteer, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and

Mizari Suarez, Exec. Director, Neighbors' Immigration Clinic

► *Please bring Cancelled U.S. and World postage stamps
for the Stamp Out Hunger Program.*



(No non-profit stamps, please.)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending March 27, 2025

Barry Barbour (UK KDMC)

Family of Mark Marshall (David Murphy's uncle)

Francie Norris (JT Norris' sister)

Bob Poore (UK KDMC)

Week ending March 20, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Walt Isaacs (Richard Isaacs' brother, Kelly Hanni's uncle)

Family of Ruby Jean Knight (Philip Lotspeich's grandmother)

Jim Price (Bettie George Frye)

Week ending March 13, 2025

Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Mikayla Montgomery (Nanette's niece)

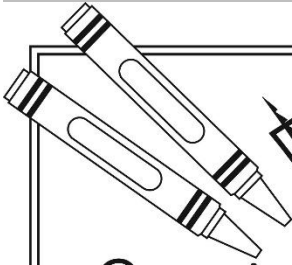
Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Lee Hall; 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)



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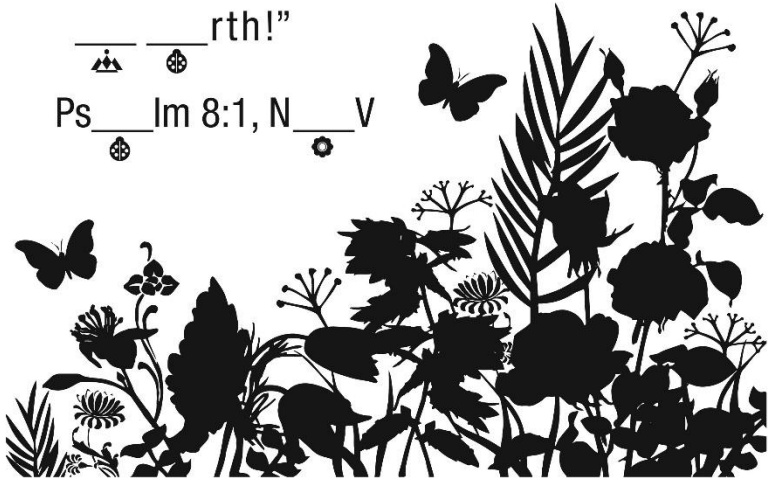
Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A =  E =  I =  O =  U = 

“L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n__ll th__
 __rth!”
 Ps__lm 8:1, N__V



Answer: “LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

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: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>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>

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