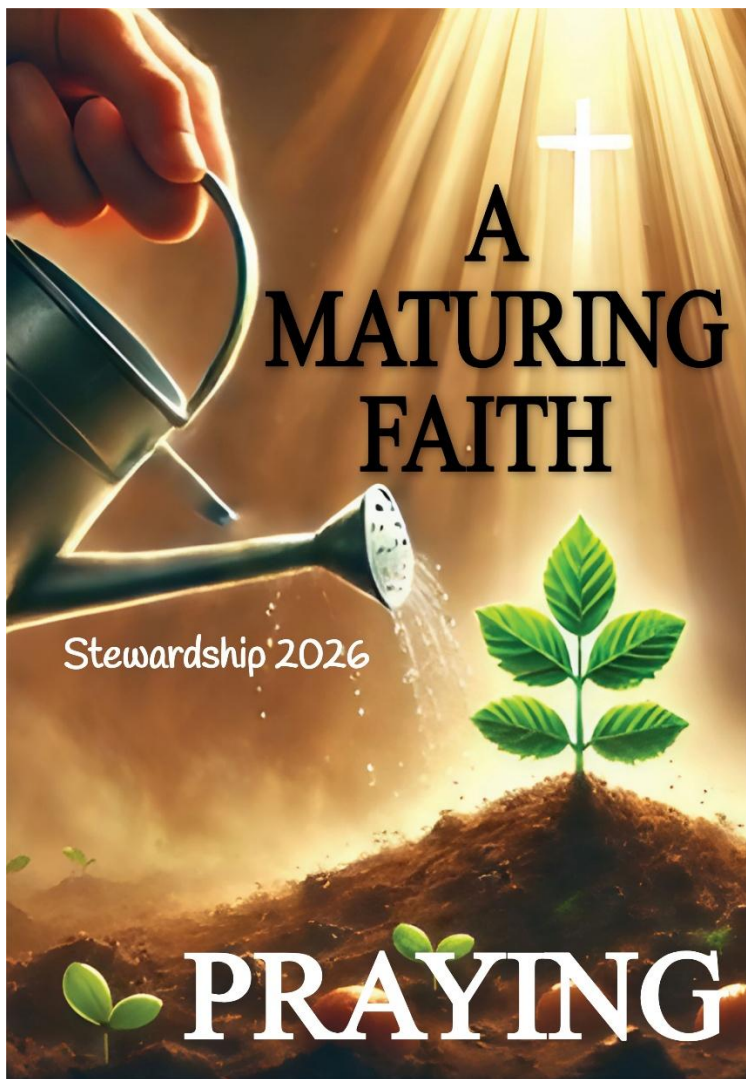




THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

22nd Sunday after Pentecost | Stewardship Emphasis

November 9, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment (Praying)

Kay Ferguson

Prelude

Max Jackson

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Resignation)

Bernard W Sanders

† Call to Worship

JT Norris

L: Awesome and wondrous God, as the clouds reflect the morning sun,

P: So may our lives reflect Your glory.

L: As the leaves twirl and spin in a brisk breeze,

P: So may we dance in Your blessings.

L: As the eagle catches a draft of air and soars,

P: So may we be lifted on the wings of prayer and our spirits rise on the strength of songs.

All: Hear our prayers and accept our worship of you today and always! Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee;

earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;

stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Loving and forgiving God, we are in conflict! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive Your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of Your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. 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 *Blessing the Operation Christmas Child Boxes*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring

J S Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.

Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life
impassioned, Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round
thy throne.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: 2 Chronicles 6:12-15, 19-21 (NRSV)

Carli Weston

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. ¹⁴ He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and steadfast love with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart— ¹⁵ You who have kept for Your servant, my father David, what You promised to him. Indeed, You promised with Your mouth and this day have fulfilled with Your hand. ¹⁹ Regard Your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that Your servant prays to You. ²⁰ May Your eyes be open day and night toward this house, the place where You promised to set Your name, and may You heed the prayer that Your servant prays toward this place. ²¹ And hear the plea of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place; may You hear from heaven Your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

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

Psalm 23

#803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.

In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
and leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay;
one word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 18:1–8 (NRSV)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you; He will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

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

Sermon

Our Just God

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in Him always, and feed on His word.

Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide,
and run not before Him, whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath His control.

Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

† **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: Organ Repair Fund*

† **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**

#688 (1,3,4)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;

stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast You not bid us love Thee, God and King;
all, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?

I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.

O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh.

Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.

Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Postlude

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty
Johann G Walther

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

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

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 91
General Offering: \$2,136.00
Ashland Youth Service Center Thanksgiving Baskets: \$100.00
CAREs: \$50.00
Operation Christmas Child: \$100.00
Youth Earth Care: \$20.00
Online Offering: \$1,025.00
Total Offering: \$3,431.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School (K–4th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group (5th – 12th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

➡ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

➡ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

➡ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.
Horizons Bible Study, 5:15 p.m.

➡ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

● **Stewardship Campaign 2026**

Our Stewardship Emphasis for 2026 is ***A Maturing Faith***. Your information in the form of a letter/commitment card is in your church mail box. Additional cards are available in the Narthex. You may also submit your pledge online at fpcaky.org. Please be in prayer for your response. We will consecrate the pledges on **Sunday, November 23**, during the morning worship service. Thank you for your faithful support of FPC and our ministries.

● **Salvation Army Bell Ringers**

We need volunteers to sign up to ring the bell for Salvation Army on **Saturday, Nov. 22 from Noon until 4 p.m.** in front of JCP. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Donna Jones.

● **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!

● **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.

● **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, 606.923.7826, with any questions.

● **Advent Devotional**

Advent is a season of preparation for that special day when we mark Immanuel's arrival—the coming of our eternal God in frail, human flesh. 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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending November 6, 2025

Luca Adkins (Jess Goodwin)

Elsie Clark

Nancy Payne (Woodland Oaks Rehabilitation)

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

Week ending October 23, 2025

Geraldine Batchelor (Susan Martell)

Grace Brown (Susan Martell)

MaeCile Eastin Brown (Bettie George Frye's sister)

Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)

Charline Eastin (Bettie George Frye)

Preston Eastin, his students & their families (Bettie George Frye)

Angel Horn (Nanette)

Kyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)

Family of Dickie Martin

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

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)



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

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: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</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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