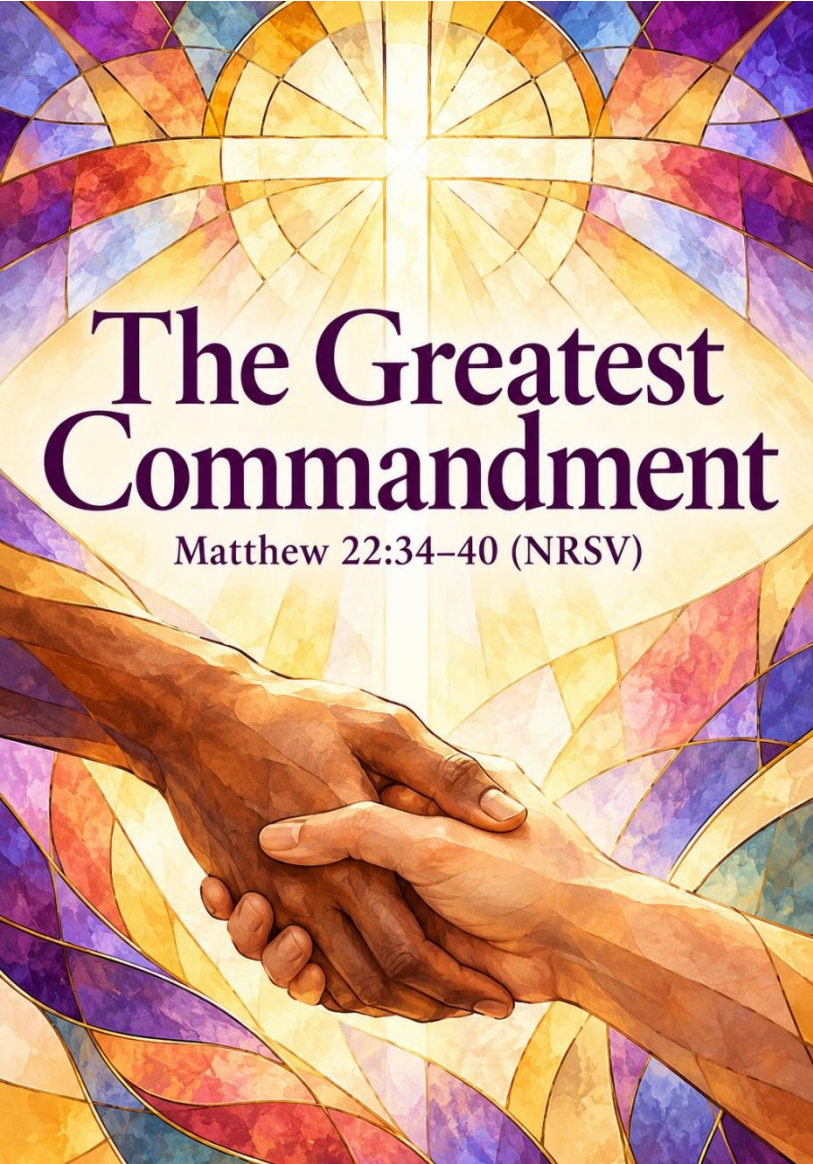




The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34–40 (NRSV)



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost | Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Heather Shay

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Prelude

Max Jackson

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Diderik Buxtehude

† Call to Worship

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: Our days are few, and they rest in your hands.

P: Teach us to make each one count.

L: Come, let us worship the God who has carried us this far.

All: Let us worship the Lord together!

† Hymn of Praise

#203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we hear the direction in biblical law, and we can
reduce our faith into all the things we cannot do. We can begin
to perceive following you to a way of life that restricts our
choices and binds us to certain behaviors. Help us to recognize

that life with you transcends the rules and invites us to love you, our neighbor, and ourselves. Through the Law, the Prophets, and the Messiah, you have helped us know how to love better and more. Help us again today. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#446 (1)

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven;
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.

Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:
whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

I Know My Faith Is Founded

I know my faith is founded on Jesus Christ. My God and Lord,
And this my faith confessing unmoved I stand on His own word.

Our reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom relies on shifting ground.

God's word is all sufficient, it makes divinely sure,
And trusting in its wisdom, my faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior, for Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure and take my hope of bliss away.

But, Lord, with you beside me, I shall be undismayed;
And led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.

Abide with me, O Savior, a firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance to every evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve you, though persecution, grief and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, let me a steadfast trust retain;

And then at my departure Lord, take me home to you,
And let me there inherit as all you said holds true.

In life and death, Lord, keep me until your heaven I gain,
Where I by your great mercy the end of faith attain.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19:1–2,15–18,33–34 (NRSV)
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord. ¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. ³³ “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

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

Psalm 1

The Blessedness of the Godly

Blest is he who loves God’s precepts, Who from sin restrains his feet,
He who will not stand with sinners, He who shuns the scorners’ seat.

Blest is he who makes the statutes Of the Lord his chief delight,
In God’s law, divinely perfect, Meditating day and night.

He is like a tree well planted By the flowing river’s side,
Ever green of leaf and fruitful: Thus shall all his works abide.

Like the driven chaff the wicked Shall be swept from off the land;
With the just they shall not gather, Nor shall in the judgment stand.

Well the Lord will guard the righteous, For their way to Him is known;
But the way of evildoers Shall by Him be overthrown. Amen.

† The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34–40 (NRSV)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ 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.’

³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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

Sermon

Rev. Jerry Utt

The Greatest Commandment

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† Hymn of Response

#22

God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise
God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

† 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: CARES

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

#63

The Lord is God

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

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to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Ushers: *Cathy & Larry Wilson*
Liturgist: *Heather Shay*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 63
General Offering: \$9,264.19
Peacemaking Program: \$40.00
Online Offering: \$1,095.00
Total Offering: \$10,399.19

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

→ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

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

Contemplative Prayer, 9:30 a.m.

Children and Youth: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Table & Treat and Staff Appreciation Luncheon following Worship

The Chosen Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

→ MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

→ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

Session Meeting, 5 p.m.

→ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

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



Pulpit Supply
NOVEMBER

Nov. 1:	Rev. Philip Lotspeich
Nov. 8:	Rev. Jennifer Johnson
Nov. 15:	Andrew Wheeler
Nov. 22:	Rev. Tom Hall
Nov. 29:	Rev. John Ferguson

FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 1



Turn your clocks back one hour



**Stewardship
Campaign 2027**
begins
Sunday, November 1

Ashland Blazer Youth Services Center

Thanksgiving Baskets

Collection: Oct. 11 – Nov. 8

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Biscuit or Roll Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Green Beans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Crispy Onion Straws
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Brown Sugar
- Marshmallows
- Pecans
- Canned Corn
- Pumpkin Pie Filling
- Canned Milk
- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Clothes Baskets



Take a box and fill it!
OR
Donate money for postage

The boxes will be blessed on
Sunday, November 8



Save Your Can Tabs!



**We are collecting can tabs
for the Ronald McDonald
House in Huntington, WV.**

*Collection bins are located in the
narthex and the basement.*



Contact: Jan Holbrook

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending October 22

Kena Broomall/Surgery Nov. 3 (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Roger Hall

Week ending October 15

FPC Pastor Search

Week ending October 8

Brittany Bentine (Ann Wiseman's granddaughter)

Jacob Mollette (Glen & Christy Thomas' son)

Rachael Turner (Kathleen Filkins' daughter)

Ongoing:

<i>Christina Akers</i> <i>(Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Chris Payne</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Derek Payne</i>	

Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation: Kenny McGill, Sr.

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Betty Jean Phipps

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Ashland's National Guard Battalion 206 deployed in May 2026 to the Middle East, Lieutenant Katie Brown (US Army, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Lieutenant Colonel Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly),

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Matthew 22:34-40

1. Find the words

Look across (left to right) and down. Circle all eight words.

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Y	T	A	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	K
F	S	H	X	V	N	L	L	S	R	T	N
Z	W	F	O	J	K	R	O	V	P	O	U
X	I	Y	K	Z	C	J	N	B	B	J	J
G	C	D	Y	O	U	R	S	E	L	F	E
A	E	B	B	M	D	S	L	N	K	F	S
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B	X	M	I	N	D	H	F	S	O	U	L
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Y	L	O	V	E	Z	K	V	S	X	P	N

LOVE GOD HEART SOUL
MIND NEIGHBOR JESUS YOURSELF

2. Complete Jesus' teaching

Use these words: **GOD - NEIGHBOR - YOURSELF**

Love _____ with all your heart, soul, and mind.

Love your _____ as you love _____.

STAFF

Minister: *Vacant*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Jan Holbrook*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2027	2028	2029
<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook *</i>
<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>	<i>Mike Lilly</i>
<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>	<i>Ellen Sharp</i>
*2nd term of service		

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>Jan Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Mitch Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Mike Lilly</i>

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