



First Presbyterian Church
Ashland, Kentucky

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Anniversary Celebration

205 Years of Spreading God's Word

1819-2024

*"Be cheerful with joyous celebration
in every season of life.
Let your joy overflow!"
Philippians 4:4*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

205th Anniversary Celebration Sunday

June 9, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Honoring 50+ Year Members

Jane Justice

*Teresa Cassity **
*Nancy Compton **
*Dewitt Goodman **
Carolyn Graber
*Jimmy Hall **
*Kathy Hermansdorfer **
*Charlie Holbrook**
*Liza Jackson **
*Steve Jackson **
*Susan Kanouse **
Paula Kiser
James Marsh
Laura McCullough
*J.T. Norris **
*Chris Payne **
Betty Jean Phipps
*Ellen Sharp **
*Lisa Stevens **
Carol Tanner
*Linda Trimboli **
*Greg Willis **
*Cathy Wilson **
Jan Winans
Ann Wiseman
Margaret Woods

*Legacy Members, attendees since birth.

Our oldest member is Nancy Payne, she turned 95 on April 21, 2024. We celebrated with a birthday reception in the Bethesda Community Hall. She has been a member for 32 years.

Prelude

Max Jackson

The Church's One Foundation—From Suite on Aurelia

Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

Ryan Whitman

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

People: Breathe upon us as we study Your Word of Life.

Leader: Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

People: Cleanse us from our waywardness.

Leader: Deepen our passion for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Give us voice to proclaim Your mighty works in every tongue.

All: Fill Your church with power. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

† **Hymn of Praise**

#305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain: *In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!*

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Refrain)

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Refrain)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Comforting God, we pray that You would surround this community of faith with Your gentle, nourishing, sustaining presence. Help us in this time of worship to be most thankful and appreciative for friends and family. May we also be most

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thankful for our church family. Guide us with Your redeeming love, so that we may be pilgrims of courage as we witness to all the world of the abundant life in Jesus Christ. Empower us for dynamic living through faithful discipleship to a world that appears to be in great need and in much trouble. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who always brings promise to every future. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#829 (1)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,

Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

Special Music

Children's Choir

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Sing, Be Joyful

Georg Philipp Telemann

Arr. H H Hopson

Sing, be joyful. Alleluia! God made heaven and earth. Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Colossians 1:15–23 (NRSV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² He

has now reconciled in His fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before Him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

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

Psalm 45 (tune: Dix)

Sons and Daughters of the Earth

Sons and daughters of the earth, set your minds beyond your kin.

Great the Lord, and great the courts, God's elect may enter in.

Glorious gifts for mercy's sake, we are chosen to partake.

Come with joy and highest praise into God's most sacred hall.

Let your song of praise proclaim, God alone is Lord of all.

Generations yet to come find in You a loving home.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 16:13–18 (NRSV)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them,

"But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus

answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Wait! What?

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#307

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free
our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to Thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

† **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.

Remembering Our Saints

Donna & Andrew Jones

- 2024 *Annie Miller*
2023 *Martha Gesling; Jim Wiseman*
2022 *Judy Fannin; Pollyanne Sager; William (Bill)
Jackson; Ann Adkins; Doris Raferty*
2021 *Ann Coleman; Dan Coleman; G. Marcus
Woodward, JR; Sally Hermansdorfer; Bill Watson;
Sue Moon; J Mark Adams; Charlotte Bell*
2020 *Justine Deters; Nancy Lazear; Joyce Nash; Erma
Slavens*
2019 *Betsy Lee; Matt Onion*

Former Staff:

- 2023 *Pauline Dartey*
2022 *Rev. Jim and Peggy Rucker*

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: Organ Repair Fund*

† 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.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#826

Lift High the Cross

Refrain: *Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [*Refrain*]

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. [*Refrain*]

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
of Him who saves our souls from death and hell. [*Refrain*]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! [*Refrain*]

Choral Postlude

Chancel Choir

Jesus Christ, The Lord Of Joy

Paul Bouman

Jesus Christ, the Lord of, Joy, now from death's deep dungeon
risen, Let the church His praise employ, sets her free from
sorrow's prison. Death did all its strengths employ, Jesus lives,
the Lord of Joy. To the Father in His death Jesus went with will
unswerving, Giving up life's precious breath for His people
undeserving. He whom death could not destroy lives to be the
church's joy. Sorrow here a little while; suffer midst the world's
rejoicing. Satan's arts through men beguile; world and flesh their
joys are voicing. These deceive like base alloy; Jesus is the
Church's joy. Now take heart you Christian men; Fill God's house
with loud thanksgiving, Jesus lives to come again, joy for anguish
to be giving. Pain and trials now annoy, Jesus comes, the
Church's joy! Let the church then fill the air, in His name with
pleas increasing. Let this earthly house of prayer be a house of
joy unceasing. Let the Church His praise employ. Jesus is the
Church's joy!

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *JT Norris*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 84

General Offering: \$3,061.00

Backpack Ministry: \$60.00

CARes: \$20.00

205 Celebration: \$630.00

Online Offering: \$998.19

Total Offering: \$4,769.19

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► Sunday, June 9

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

205th Celebration Luncheon, Noon

► Monday, June 10

Horizons Summer Bible Study, 4:30 p.m.

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

► Wednesday, June 12

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► Thursday, June 13

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

205th Celebration Luncheon & Thank You

Please join us immediately following morning worship in the Bethesda Community Hall for a celebratory luncheon provided through the generosity of individuals in the Church family. Also, a BIG "thank you" to everyone who made our celebration weekend a wonderful success. May the Lord continue to bless us here at FPC as we move forward in year 206! To God be the glory!



Baby Bottle Blessings

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center baby bottles are due back **next Sunday, Father's Day**. There will be a collection container in the Narthex. Thanks so much to all who participated!

Let's Celebrate Our Pastor's Birthday!

Pastor Bill's birthday is June 12. We will celebrate his birthday in the Narthex immediately following morning worship on **Sunday, June 16**. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.



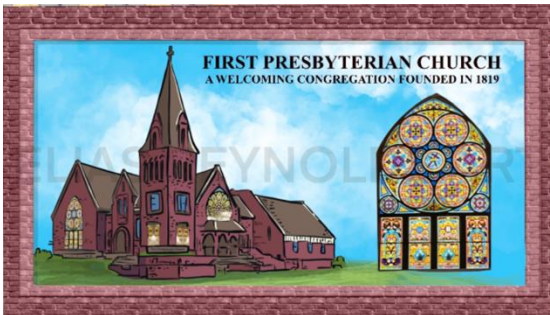
You are Invited!



We would be honored to have you celebrate our 50 years with us following morning worship on **June 30**. We will have a buffet lunch and a music program of a few favorites from our youth. PLEASE RSVP how many and the names in your group so we have plenty

of food. Your presence is your gift to us. We are so grateful to have you as friends, relatives and prayer partners. Children are welcome. Please fill out an RSVP form located in the Narthex.
(Kim & Mike Whitman)

Floodwall Mural Update from the Women of FPC



Elias Reynolds is painting the mural of the First Presbyterian Church on the Train Depot Floodwall, between the two quilts. Weather permitting, he will finish in June.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending June 6, 2024

Michelle Stemmer Gifford (Nanette)
Bob Miller (Woodland Oaks, #205)

Week ending May 30, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)
Carol Sanderson
Jay Sanderson (Scott Sanderson's brother)

Week ending May 23, 2024

Kanon Crookes (Amy Crookes grandson)
Melissa Rigsby
Dr. Roger Potter (Kingsbrook)
Family of Sharon Slusher (Steve Jackson's sister-in-law)

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

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Tim Shephard, Jan Winans, Kim Whitman, Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins)
Cadet Katie Brown
(West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)
Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard)
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

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*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</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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