



Those who
wait for the
LORD shall
renew
their strength ...

Isaiah 40:31, NRSV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

We Praise You, O God
Evan Becker, Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Kim Whitman

Leader: Let everyone who thirsts come and drink deeply!

People: Here all who hunger may satisfy themselves freely.

Leader: Why should we spend our money for that which is not bread?

People: Why do we labor for that which cannot satisfy?

Leader: Here you may feast on the goodness of the Lord.

People: Now those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled.

Leader: It shall be to the Lord a memorial,

All: And for us an everlasting sign that we shall not be cut off.

Amen!

† **Hymn of Praise**

#612

We Praise You, O God

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;
we bless Your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide You have been.

When perils o'er take us, You will not forsake us,
and with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.

To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

† **Call to Confession**

† Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond hesitantly, not trusting or believing that You really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready. Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Make us open to receiving what You give and to risking something new for You. And help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then by Your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread Your peace.

✠ We Listen to God’s Word ✠

Children’s Message

Lisa Stephens

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:27–31 (NRSV)

Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 147 (tune: Hymn to Joy)

#657 (1,2,4)

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(continued next page)

Refrain: Sing to God with joy and gladness hymns and psalms of gratitude; with the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far, heals the hurt and broken spirits tending every wound and scar. (Refrain)

Such is God's great power and wisdom; none can calculate or tell; keen is God to ground the wicked and with humble folk to dwell. (Refrain)

God's discernment never favors strength or speed to lift or move; God delights in those who worship, trusting in God's steadfast love.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:29–39 (NRSV)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to Him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And He cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for Him. ³⁷ When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is searching for You." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And He went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

When We Gather at His Table

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

Hymn of Response

#509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering; here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming; here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have
stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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.

† 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

For this Thy glad Epiphany all glory Jesus, be to Thee.
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

† Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Chancel Choir

For The Bread Which You Have Broken
Cesar Franck | Arr. St James Press Editors

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. As our blessed ones adore you, seated at our Father's board, May the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In the world to which you send us, let your kingdom come, O Lord. Amen.

✠ 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.

It is right...Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song and sing Your eternal praise:

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.

...With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2x)

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer After Communion

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#697 (1,5,6)

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Fuga on Kyrie Eleison - *from* Mass for the Parish
Francois Couperin

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*
Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 78
Building Rent: \$150.00
CAREs: \$25.00
Organ Repair Fund: \$25.00
General Offering: \$838.00
Memorial Fund: \$150.00
Online Giving: \$409.73
Total Offering: \$1,597.73

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 4

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5

Horizons Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Open for Prayer, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 8

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

Attention Kids!

Children of all ages are invited to celebrate the Chinese New Year, an age-old tradition on **Saturday, February 10 from 12–2 p.m.** We will have Chinese snacks, games, and crafts.

Please RSVP Nancy Compton
(606.465.0317) or Kelly Hanni
(606.923.7826).



Join Us For Brunch!

Join us for "Fat Tuesday Brunch" on **Sunday, February 11** immediately following morning worship. The menu is: pancakes, sausage, breakfast casseroles, yogurt, fruit, and donuts. The church fair will also take place. This is an opportunity for you to discover the various ministries provided through FPC.

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us **Wednesday, February 14** for an Ash Wednesday Service beginning at **7 p.m.** The Imposition of Ashes will be offered.



Caring With Heart New Session To Begin

We will once again offer *Caring With Heart*. It is a 6-week class that will meet on **Thursdays from 5:30–7:30 p.m.** beginning **March 7**. The class will be led by Kay Ferguson. Caring With Heart teaches principles and skills to equip you to provide quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care for yourself and others. Your faith will be deepened as you learn and practice listening, caring, and loving others who need to be heard and valued. During this 6-week class you will learn skills that will help you listen to others at a deeper level, understand your feelings and those of others and explore the importance of healthy boundaries. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex or see Kay Ferguson.

Dates: March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 11, 25, and May 2.

Attention Ladies!

You are invited to attend a Spring meeting of the Ashland First Presbyterian Women immediately following church on **Sunday, February 18**. See Bettie George for questions.

We will once again have the Ladies Clothing Swap scheduled for Saturday, **March 9 from 2 - 4 p.m.** You may begin bringing in your donated items now. Please place them in the hallway beside the kitchen. If you need anything picked up or have questions, please contact Barb Payne (606.922 .6617).

Ladies Clothing Swap



PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending February 1, 2024

Charlie Holbrook
Jim Price (Amy Crookes)
Suzanne Price (Amy Crookes)
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)
Carol Sanderson
Rachael Turner (Kathleen Filkins' daughter)
Kim Whitman

Week ending January 25, 2024

Ron Reed (Cathy Wilson)
Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

Week ending January 18, 2024

Bridget Heighton (Barb Payne's friend)
Jane Justice
Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Judy Oakley (Pam Potter's friend)
Wilma Potter
(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

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

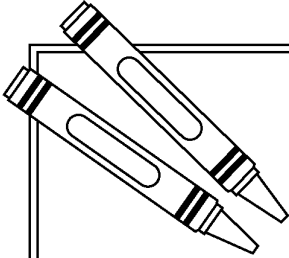
Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Jan Winans

The Lantern: Barry Barbour

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Oakmont Manor: Annie Miller

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



Just for **KIDS**

★ **EXTRA! EXTRA!** ★ READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Many people read their local newspapers, but Jesus says we should read and share God's Word daily! Below, hidden among the words **READ YOUR BIBLE**, is a message from Jesus recorded in Mark 1:15, NIV. Circle those words and write them on the lines below. (For extra fun, count how many times the word "Bible" appears in the article!)

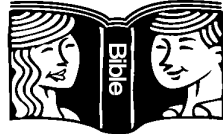
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BIBLE TIMES

TODAY

GOOD NEWS!

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MARK 1:15, NIV

Answers:
“The time has come The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”
Bible: 48 times

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>TBD</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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