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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Patriot Sunday

September 11, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Calvin Riggs

Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen
(Diderik Buxtehude)

Call to Worship

Geri Willis

Leader: God is like the gentle shepherd,

People: Leading us beyond our wants,

Leader: Leading us beyond our fears,

People: Leading us to a place of rest,

Leader: Where we sing the music of God's love

**People: Where we feel new strength to walk through the
valleys and shadows of life.**

All: Let us worship God!

† Hymn of Praise

#625

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God when I, in awesome wonder;

Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout
the universe displayed

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration and there proclaim, my
God, how great Thou art. (Refrain)

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

O gracious and loving God, from the beginning of time You have called us to be a servant people. You gave us life, desiring to be in relationship with us. But we wanted more. You saved us from death at the hands of our oppressors, but we couldn't remain faithful. You gave us the greatest gift of all -- Your Son, Jesus Christ -- to show us how to live, and finally to shed His blood for our sins. And yet we keep forgetting our covenants with You. We are constantly succumbing to the desires of the world. Continue to be faithful to us, O God. Infuse us with new life so that we may do Your work and continue our journey to becoming Your disciples!

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

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

Lisa Stevens

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! May God thy gold refine.
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

Prayer for Illumination**The Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 33:8 – 22 (NRSV)

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him, ⁹for He spoke, and it came to be He commanded, and it stood firm. ¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage.

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven; He sees all humankind.

¹⁴From where He sits enthroned, He watches all the inhabitants of the earth—¹⁵He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. ¹⁸Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and shield.

²¹Our heart is glad in Him because we trust in His holy name. ²²Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

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

It is Good to Sing Your Praises

It is good to sing Your praises and to thank You,
O Most High, showing forth Your loving kindness
when the morning lights the sky.

It is good when night is falling of Your faithfulness to tell,
while with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

You have filled my heart with gladness through the works
Your hands have wrought; You have made my life victorious;
great Your works and deep your thought.

You, O Lord, on high exalted, reign forevermore in might;
All Your enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Your sight.

But the good shall live before You, planted in your dwelling place,
fruited trees and ever verdant,
nourished by Your boundless grace.

In His goodness to the righteous God His righteousness displays;
God, my rock, my strength, and refuge,
just and true are all Your ways.

† **The Gospel Lesson****Mathew 7:12 – 27 (NRSV)**

¹² “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. ¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. ¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will know them by their fruits. ²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many

mighty works in your name?’ ²³ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.’ ²⁴ “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Finding Our Way in a Post-Christian World

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#824

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

† **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 to the dead. 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 living 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: .05 Cents a Meal*

† 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. Amen.

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#761 (1,2,4)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow never faltering reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women richer poorer all God's people young and old.
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

So, God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life.
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living our compassion to increase.
Messengers of faith thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Closing Voluntary

Calvin Riggs

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott Lasst Walten
(He who will suffer [allow] God to guide him.)
(J.S. Bach)

† Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Breck Tarr*
Liturgist: *Geri Willis*
Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 66
Offering: \$5,468.00
Backpack Ministry: \$250.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Armchair Theologians: *Mysteries of the Messiah*, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Ministry Teams meeting, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Dames for Dinner, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

We will begin a study by Lysa Terkeurst titled "What Happens When Women Say

Yes to God." This is a six-session study that aligns with our recent Visioning Day discussion. The meeting will be catered by Texas Roadhouse. The cost is \$10.00 per meal. Please register on the church website (fpcaky.org), call the church office or let Cathy Wilson know so that we know how much food to order. Also, let us know if you need the nursery. Thank you.



Poage Landing Days Community Worship

We will not worship in our church next **Sunday, September 18**. Please join us for Poage Landing Days Community Worship Service. The music/fellowship will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the service will be at 11 a.m. It will be located at the main stage at 16th Street.

Birthday Celebration!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 25** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. There will be a basket for cards.

Patriot Sunday

On December 18, 2001, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day." It's a day to remember the more than 3,000 innocent lives lost on that September morning in 2001. The resolution



requests that each year the President issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities. Those activities include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence, and flying the American flag at half-staff.

In his 2003 proclamation President Bush said, "On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness." Keep them all in your prayers this Patriot Day.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending September 9, 2022

Judy Fannin
Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
Kim Whitman

Week ending September 2, 2022

Pastor Bill & Nanette
Jim Burgin (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law's father)
Nancy Jackson (Steve Jackson's wife)
Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)
Jim Wiseman

Week ending August 26, 2022

Scott & Mary Brown (Kim & Mike Whitman's
daughter & son-in-law)
Brenda Camp (Patty Wiley's sister)
Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)
Jack Hollin (Jan Holbrook's uncle)

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

Ongoing: Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Janet Winans,
Ann & Jim Wiseman

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military:

Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, Son of Kris Adkins)
Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, Granddaughter of Kim & Mike
Whitman)

Major Scott A. Brown (Husband of Mary Whitman Brown)
Lieutenant Colonel Chris Potter (USAF, Germany, Nephew of Max
& Lois Jackson, Bruce & Cindy Roe, and Roger & Pam Potter)
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, Don & Judy Lily's Niece)

SERMON NOTES

Finding Our Way in a Post-Christian World

Psalm 33:8 – 22

Mathew 7:12 – 27

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster, Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Custodian: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

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| <i>Judy Fannin</i> | <i>Cathy Wilson*</i> | <i>Kelly Hanni</i> |
| <i>Mitch Hall</i> | <i>J.T. Norris</i> | <i>Kim Whitman</i> |
| <i>Ryan Whitman</i> | <i>Breck Tarr</i> | <i>Geri Willis</i> |
| | | *2nd term of service |

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building & Grounds:

Judy Fannin

Christian Education:

Kim Whitman & Lee McCloud

Congregational Life:

Cathy Wilson

Finance: *Trish Hall*

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