



EVERY-  
ONE WHO HEARS THESE

WORDS...

...& PUTS THEM INTO  
PRACTICE IS LIKE

a WISE MAN  
WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE

ON THE ROCK.

MATTHEW 7:24



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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September 22, 2024

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

Prelude

*Max Jackson*

Prelude in E Flat Major

Alexandre Guilmant

Call to Worship

*Mitch Hall*

Leader: O Lord our God, how good it is to be alive today.  
Every breath is a reminder that You made us for Yourself.

**People: Everything that happens seems to sing Your praises.  
Every occasion is an opportunity for love and service.**

Leader: Truly we wish all our times were like this. So, we  
thank you for this day as a chance to celebrate Your love.

**People: We may not know what our future holds, but we  
rejoice that your hands hold yesterday and all our  
tomorrows.**

**All: Lead us more deeply in our faith so that our lives will  
offer you to others. Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise

#361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

O Christ the great foundation on which Your people stand  
to preach Your true salvation in every age and land:  
pour out Your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:  
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own  
by grace we were invited, by grace we make You known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
where innocents are frightened and righteous fear to speak,  
there let Your church awaking attack the powers of sin  
and, all their ramparts breaking, with You the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when He who once was dead  
Shall lead His church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation His heavenly kingdom brings;  
The final consummation, the glory of all things.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, You see into our hearts. You see the true selves we try to hide from others, the sins we fear would destroy our images, the evils that lurk so deep within us we can scarcely name them, the unholy habits that have been with us so long that they no longer prick our consciences. But You also see in us Jesus Christ, the Holy One who took on our sin and covers us in His righteousness. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

Canon of Praise

Natalie Sleeth

Praise Him, O come ye people, praise the Lord forever.  
Sing praise to His holy name.  
To the God of glory loudest praises bring,  
Source of our salvation, our eternal King.  
Praise Him, praise the Lord forever,  
Come and praise Him, come and praise the Lord.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 51:12–16 (NRSV)

I, I am He who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die, a human being who fades like grass? <sup>13</sup> You have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. You fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction. But where is the fury of the oppressor? <sup>14</sup> The oppressed shall speedily be released; they shall not die and go down to the Pit, nor shall they lack bread. <sup>15</sup> For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD of hosts is His name. <sup>16</sup> I have put My words in your mouth and hidden you in the shadow of My hand, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth and saying to Zion, “You are My people.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God****Psalm 91** (tune: St. Anne)

#168

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

Within Your shelter, loving God, my refuge and my tower,  
I safely walk by day and night beneath Your guiding power.

Because I trust in You alone, no evil shall come near.  
The strong defender of my home, with You I have no fear.

Your holy angels bear me up and keep my feet secure.  
Though fierce and angry foes assail, in You my way is sure.

As often as I call to You, You kindly hear my prayer.  
In times of trouble and distress I rest in Your own care.

All those who know Your name on earth shall life abundant know.  
On all abiding in Your love Your saving grace bestow.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 7:21–27 (NRSV)

“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. <sup>22</sup> 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?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from Me, you who behave lawlessly.’ <sup>24</sup> “Everyone, then, who hears these words of

Mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!    **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***Building an Acceptable Faith***

**✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠**

**† Hymn of Response**

**#729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**† 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**

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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**

#### **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: CARES*

#### **† 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.

#### **† Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

#### **† Hymn of Sending**

#295

Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth.  
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go, struggle, bless and pray.  
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send.  
For I am with you till the age shall end.  
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

Suite Gothique - 2 Allegro  
Leon Boellmann

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

### SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kelly Hanni*  
Liturgist: *Mitch Hall*

### LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 77  
General Offering: \$1,489.00  
Clean Start: \$25.00  
Online Offering: \$345.00  
**Total Offering: \$1,859.00**

### IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### • **Sunday, September 22**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m./**Cancelled**  
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.  
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

#### • **Monday, September 23**

Session Meeting, 5 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

#### • **Wednesday, September 25**

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

#### • **Thursday, September 26**

Lunch Bunch, 1 p.m.

• **Friday, September 27**  
**Parents' Night Out, 5:30 p.m.**

**Happy Birthday Max!**

Please join us next **Sunday, September 29** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry**

During the month of September, we are collecting *wash cloths, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, fun band-aids, and nail files.*

**Pastor & Staff Appreciation Month AND Table & Treat**

FPC Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Table & Treat is **Sunday, October 20** following morning worship. The menu is taco/salad bar with desserts and drinks. Appreciate our staff by gifting a "a bag of LOVE" with handwritten notes, small treats and gift cards. The red paper packages will be available every Sunday in October.

**2024 Annual Fall Gathering of Transylvania**

**Presbyterian Women**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

at Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center or  
ZOOM along with us on your computer or phone!!



**Mission Haven and Sharing Mission Ideas**

**9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration, 10:00 a.m. Gathering** followed by  
a seated lunch around noon: **Lunch and Registration \$15.00**  
Guest speaker: Jan Albert, Board Member of Mission Haven, and  
past moderator of PW Synod.

***More information will be included in the October Heartbeats.  
See Bettie George Frye with questions.***



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending September 19, 2024**

Family of Bill Barney (Lois Jackson's brother)  
Family of Judy Eby (Dave & Judy Eby's sister-in-law)  
Lonnie & Susie McComis (Ann Wiseman)  
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

### **Week ending September 12, 2024**

Peyton Black (JT Norris)  
Breck Tarr (JT Norris)

### **Week ending September 5, 2024**

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)  
Michelle Brown (online request)  
Nancy (Rick) Grace (Pastor Bill & Nanette)  
Lorelai Shay (Heather Shay's daughter)

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

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

**The Lantern:** Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

**Woodland Oaks:** Bob Miller

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



# A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

*Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.*

Do not seek **re**\_\_\_\_\_ or bear a grudge against anyone among your \_\_\_ople, but **love** your **neig**\_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

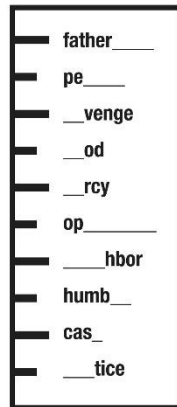
LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek jus\_\_\_\_\_. Defend the \_\_\_**pressed**. Take up the cause of **the** \_\_\_\_\_less; **plead** the \_\_\_e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go\_\_\_\_. ... To act **justly** and to **love** me\_\_\_\_ and **to** walk \_\_\_\_\_ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV



So in \_\_\_\_\_ything, do to ot \_\_\_\_\_ what you would \_\_\_ve them  
d \_ to you, for this s \_ ms up the \_\_\_ w and the Proph \_\_\_ s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

# SERMON NOTES

DATE

MAIN  
VERSE

Notes

KEY SCRIPTURES



Today's Prayer

**PRAY MORE**  
*worry less*

## 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*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	<i>*2nd term of service</i>	

## 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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