



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Prelude in E flat Major
(Alexandre Guilmant)

Call to Worship

J.T. Norris

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

People: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

People: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

Leader: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

People: May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen!

† **Hymn of Epiphany**

#157

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun and I danced
in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not
dance and they would not follow Me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with
Me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,
and left Me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

They cut Me down and I leapt up high.
I am the Life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. [Refrain]

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have not loved as you love. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility. May we live our lives for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#435 (2)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love
were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

✦ **We Listen to God's Word** ✦

Be Thou My Vision

(Irish Melody; Arr. Carlton Young)

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart, naught be thou all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father and I Thy true son; O Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one. High King of Heaven my victory won; may I reach heaven's joys O bright heavens' sun! Heart of my own heart whatever befall; O still be my ruler, Thou ruler of all.

Prayer for Illumination**The Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 61:1 – 3 (NRSV)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon Me because the Lord has anointed Me; he has sent Me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display His glory.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!**Psalm 111 (melody: Hyfrydol)**

#755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.

Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all Your children now reclaim;
May our lives reflect Your justice, heirs to Your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by Your might;
Awesome honor, born in wisdom; Your great glory, our delight!

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 7:18 – 23 (NRSV)

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹ and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are You the One who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?” ²⁰ When the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You to ask, ‘Are You the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?’ ” ²¹ Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits and had given sight to many who were blind. ²² And He answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight; the lame walk; those with a skin disease are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; the poor have good news brought to them. ²³ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at Me.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

Is Jesus the “One?”

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

† **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

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

† **Doxology**

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#733

We All are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
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our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary
(William Goodwin)

† Charge and Benediction

† Standing if you are able.

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Geri Willis*
Liturgist: *J.T. Norris*
Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 63
Backpack: \$250.00
General Offering: \$2,077.00
Online Offering: \$236.60
Total Offering: \$2,563.60

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Pastor Led Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Ladies Clothing Swap Fellowship Event

Start cleaning out your closet for
the spring event.....March 11
2:00 - ?

*Bring in your gently used items now (please
put in the hall by the kitchen)*

Contact Barb Payne at (606) 922-6617
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New Sermon Series Coming

Beginning with Transfiguration **Sunday, February 19**, Pastor Bill will be sharing a series of messages – *“Questions on the Journey to Resurrection.”*

Fat Tuesday Observed

Following **Morning Worship , Sunday, February 19**, we invite everyone to a meal of pancakes and fixins as we celebrate **“Fat Tuesday”** in a way that only we at FPC can! Make plans to stay and fellowship.



Ash Wednesday Service

On **Wednesday, February 22** we will join with other Presbyterians and guests from our community for an Ash Wednesday Service here at First Presbyterian Church beginning at **7 p.m.** This service will help us to

begin our Lenten reflection as we journey to a garden, a cross, and an empty tomb.



Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.

Ministry Teams Meeting: Monday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Dames & Dinner: Thursday, Feb. 16, 5:30—7 p.m.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Brunch: Sunday, Feb. 19, Noon

Sew Blessed: Monday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m.

Finance Ministry Team: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service: Feb. 22, 7 p.m.

Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Feb. 23, 11:30 a.m.

Session Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m.

SERMON NOTES

Is Jesus the "One?"

Isaiah 61:1 – 3

Luke 7:18 – 23

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending January 27, 2023

Annie Miller
Lorelai Shay

Week ending January 20, 2023

Matt Chambers
Bob Miller (South Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation)
Ann Wiseman (Kingsbrook)

Week ending January 13, 2023

Ransom Gehringer
Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
Nancy Jackson (Steve Jackson's wife)
John Justice, Jr. (Jane Justice's stepson)
Bill Roy (Jane Justice's brother-in-law)
Evelyn Spears (Kim Whitman)
Family of Josh Stewart (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)
Kim Whitman

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, 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 Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lily)

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*

2023	2024	2025
<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>
	<i>Breck Tarr</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds:	Membership: <i>Breck Tarr</i>
Christian Education: <i>Kim Whitman & 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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