

A Life OF Stewardship

They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.
(2 Corinthians. 8:5b)

"When the Act is Not Enough"

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment

Jane Justice

Prelude

Winchester Bells

Agape

(Howard Starks)

Call to Worship

Leader: A gift of a new day, unlive, untried, ready to be opened.

People: A new day with surprising miracles; with love to be given,

Leader: Kindness to be shared and peace to be enjoyed.

People: A gift of a new day, God's gift to us.

Leader: Let us receive it with joy

All: And live it in joyful expectation.

† Hymn of Praise

#39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Holy God, in our anxiousness, we cling tightly to familiar people. Afraid to extend our hand, we bind up our gifts, fearing we won't have enough for ourselves. Lacking trust in You, we clutch our possessions as if they are the meaning of life. Our hesitancy to share stops the flow of Your compassion. We discount our ability and talents and miss what is possible when Christ blesses our offering. Loosen our closed hands and tight hearts that we may offer the gift we are and the gifts we have, to touch the bruised world. Let Your compassion flow through us. In the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#446 (1)

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven;
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:
whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.

✠ **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD** ✠

Children's Message

Jane Justice

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:1 – 15 (NRSV)

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we

expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter, I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹²For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 145

Tune: *Beech Spring*

I Will Ever Sing Your Praises

I will ever sing Your praises. For all time Your name I'll bless.
Without peer is Your great glory, limitless Your righteousness.
Each new generation numbers all your blessings as their own.
To the earth's most far-flung regions is Your majesty made
known.

You are gracious, full of mercy. Slow to anger quick to love.
Saints below may glimpse Your kingdom in the lofty skies above.
In this life the best I savor, is but common fare to me.
All the riches earth can harvest, cannot match Your majesty.

For the Lord is ever faithful to supply our deepest need.
Justice grows from every judgement, wholesome bread from
every seed.

God is ne'er too far to hear us, never deaf to our demands.
Those who love and trust the promise rest secure within God's
hand.

† **Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 25:14 – 30 (NRSV)

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶ the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

Sermon

Pastor Bill

When the Act is Not Enough

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

Communion Anthem

Chancel Choir

Teach Me, O Lord
(Thomas Attwood)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it until the end. (Psalm 119:33)

† **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

#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

† Hymn of Communion

#515 (1,3,5)

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

✠ **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;

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly
choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who
forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty.... Great is the mystery of the faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2 x)

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 by 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#697 (1,4,5)

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 silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

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.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

In Thee is Joy
(J.S. Bach)

† Charge and Benediction

† Standing if you are able.

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Ryan Whitman*

Liturgist: *Breck Tarr*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 65

Offering: \$9,157.11

Backpack: \$250.00

Online Giving: \$266.00

Total Offering: \$9,673.11

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Poage Class Informational Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Young Adult Pizza Lunch, Noon

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Sew Blessed, 6 – 8 p.m. (note: date change)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Calvin Riggs Piano Recital, 4 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023

The 2023 Stewardship Campaign begins today through November 20. This year's theme is *A Life of Stewardship*. The green leaves in our logo speak to our growth in becoming greater disciples of Jesus. You should have received a letter from Pastor Bill speaking about the Stewardship Emphasis along with a Commitment card for you to return by **Sunday, November 20**. You can also go online to submit your commitment at **fpcaky.org**. We hope to have 100% participation this year as we anticipate greater things in 2023.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a piano recital by Calving Riggs here at FPC on **November 12** beginning at **4 p.m.** in the upstairs Choir room.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please return your filled box by **November 13**. We will dedicate the boxes and deliver them to the collection center. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH A TWIST!



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 20**, when we will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall for a time of celebration and thanksgiving for our Stewardship Emphasis success! We will have our dinner catered. Our menu will include

turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and desserts. We are asked to bring non-perishable items to help provide for the Ashland Blazer High School Youth Service Center Thanksgiving Baskets. Please turn in items by **November 14**. There is a collection box located in the Narthex.

Items Needed:

Instant Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Stuffing
Biscuit or Roll Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Green Beans

Cream of Mushroom Soup
Crispy Onion
Straws
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Brown Sugar
Marshmallows
Pecans

Canned Corn
Pumpkin Pie Filling
Pie Crust
Canned Milk
Coffee, Tea, or Hot Cocoa Mix

LOOKING AHEAD IN NOVEMBER:

- **Ministry Team Meetings**, Monday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m.
- **Finance Ministry Team**, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m.
- **Dames for Dinner**, Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving/Stewardship Dinner**, Sunday, Nov. 20, Noon
- **Advent Begins**, Sunday, Nov. 27
- **Session Meeting**, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m. (date change)

CARES GIVING TREE

If interested in volunteering for the Giving Tree, you can register at boydcountycares.org, contact CARES staff at (606) 324-2949 or contact@boydcountycares.org.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending November 4, 2022

Phil Chavez (online request)
Jess G. (online request)
Ransom Gehringer
Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)

Week ending October 28, 2022

Pastor Bill
Judy Fannin
Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
Helen Ross (Nanette)
Kim Whitman

Week ending October 21, 2022

Lorelai Shay
Scott Woods (Jane Ann Goodwin)

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, niece of Don & Judy Lily)

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*

2022	2023	2025
<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*

Membership: *Breck Tarr*

Mission: *Geri Willis*

Personnel: *Janet Holbrook*

Worship: *Ryan Whitman*

**If you would like to join any of these ministry teams,
please contact the Chairperson or call the Church office.**

To visit the church website, scan the code below.



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