

# HOPE

*in the Lord*

Jeremiah 29:11



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King | Stewardship Celebration

November 24, 2024

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Stewardship Moment**

*Blythe Weston*

**Prelude**

*Winchester Bells*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

(arr. Linda Lamb)

## † Call to Worship

*JT Norris*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we are God's people.

**People: Enter God's house with thanksgiving and praise.**

Leader: Thank God and bless God's holy name.

**People: The Lord is good. God's love is steadfast and endures forever.**

Leader: God's faithfulness knows no boundary, no end.

**All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship with our whole hearts.**

## † Hymn of Praise

#263

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall.

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball.

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

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Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.  
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† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, You desire that Your Son, our Savior, have first place in everything in our lives. Yet, we so easily relegate Him to a lesser place, choosing to live for ourselves and apart from You. Often, we seek Your assistance and strength only when we face trouble. Forgive us and free us from our selfishness. Open our hearts to Christ's reign over all things, for in His name we pray.**

† **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**

*John Ferguson*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

Thanks Be To God

Andreas Hammerschmidt | Arr. H H Hopson

Thanks be to God, O be joyful.  
God is faithful, O praise the Lord.  
God is good; God's mercy lasts forever.  
Praise the Lord.  
O be joyful, O praise the Lord.  
Thanks be to God, be joyful

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Epistle Lesson**

Revelation 5:11–14 (NRSV)

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, “To the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

**Psalm 93** (tune: St. Thomas)

#271

The Lord Almighty Reigns

The Lord Almighty reigns in majesty most bright,  
appareled in omnipotence, and girded round with might.

The world established stands on its foundations broad;  
Your throne is fixed, You reign supreme, the everlasting God.

The seas have lifted up their voice in majesty,  
but God on high, supreme in might, is greater than the sea.

Your testimonies, Lord, in faithfulness excel,  
and holy must Your servants be who in Your temple dwell.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 15:8–13 (NRSV)

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

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

**Sermon***Rev. Bill Pollack****Reasons for Exuberance!***

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response** (tune: Franconia)

#708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive  
and gladly, as Thou blesses us, to Thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring.  
To teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy word, though dim our faith may be.  
Whatever we do for Thine, O Lord; we do it unto Thee.

† **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: CARES*

† **Doxology**

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne  
And honor power, and glory ascribe to God alone!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#702

Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;  
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

**LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 83

General Offering: \$10,588.00

Clean Start: \$20.00

Online Offering: \$345.00

**Total Offering: \$10,953.00**

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### ⇒ Sunday, November 24

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

### **Thanksgiving/Stewardship Celebration Lunch/Noon**

### ⇒ Monday, November 25

Empty Nesters 5:30 p.m.

### ⇒ Tuesday, November 26

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

### ⇒ Wednesday, November 27

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.  
cancelled this week

### ⇒ Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Community Thanksgiving Service**

The Ashland Area Ministerial Association will host the Community Thanksgiving service on **Sunday, November 24** at **7 p.m.** at CornerStone Methodist Church. A love offering will be received for CARES and Community Kitchen.

### **Advent Devotionals**



Welcome to Advent—this special season of preparation for the coming of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. This year's Advent devotional is *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* with depth and insight by the late Henri Nouwen. He invites you into a deeper intimacy with Jesus amid the busyness of the weeks leading up to Christmas. Pick up your Advent devotional and a magnet on the table in the Narthex.

## Family Night/Advent Kick-Off

Please join us on Sunday, December 1 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. in the Bethesda Hall for a Family Night of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826, with any questions.



## Christmas Cookie Exchange

We are happy to announce that our cookie exchange is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 following Morning Worship. Please bring your cookies individually wrapped and/or in baggies. We look forward to this festive time of sharing our favorite cookies with one another. Rumor is that we will have "special" visitors who will delight the hearts of children of all ages. Questions, see Mary Patterson.



## Christmas Card Exchange

### CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE



Thanks to Kim Whitman and the Membership Ministry Team for this fun idea. You may exchange Christmas cards with your church family by dropping them off in their church mailbox. Kelly has provided a Christmas card list; it is available in the Narthex.

## All-Church Christmas Caroling

Warm up your voices and join us for a time of caroling Sunday, December 15 beginning at 3 p.m. We will meet at the Church and we will travel in our vehicles to visit our shut-in's at their homes and share the joy of the Christmas songs we love to sing! We will fellowship at the Wheeler's home following the caroling.



# PUZZLE



## THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_



Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_



The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_



The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_



Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also



supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

\_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



# Oh Christmas Tea

Please join us for our  
First Annual Christmas Tea



Saturday  
December 14<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church  
1600 Winchester Ave  
Ashland, KY 41101

All ladies of the church are invited (grades K and older).  
RSVP by 12/8 in the Narthex or text Kelly: 606.923.7826

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*There is a Christmas Tea sign-up sheet  
available in the Narthex.*

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending November 21, 2024**

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Gunnell Rupert (Dave & Judy Eby's nephew)

### **Week ending November 14, 2024**

Gail Frazier (Nanette)

Trish Hall

Kate Hanni

Judy Lilly

Dr. Roger Potter

### **Week ending November 7, 2024**

Amy Crookes

Allyson Garnes (Pastor Bill & Nanette's great niece)

Kaylee McKnight (John & Kay Ferguson's great niece)

Family of Andrew Napier (son of Rev. Brad Napier)

***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; Dr. Matthew Lewis; 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)

## 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>
	*2nd term of service	

## 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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