



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY



The  *of Ashland*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Christmas

Communion Sunday

January 1, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Calvin Riggs

Piece in Db
(Cesar Franck)

Call to Worship

J.T. Norris

L: A new day has dawned, a new year has begun!

P: Come, Thou almighty King, and help us to follow You.

L: May this new year find us drawing nearer to God.

P: We open our hearts and mind and resolve to follow Him.

All: Come, Thou almighty King! We long for You today.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing;
help us to praise: Father, all glorious o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.

Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

† **Call to Confession**

† Prayer of Confession

Creative God, You make all things new, and You hold out a new day and a new year for us. Yet how often we squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, letting our sins bind us, letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses. You offer us hope and we choose the comfortable. O Lord, as we have touched the joy of Christmas let us carry a measure of delight and bounty of love into this new day. Fill us with the joy of living and the spirit of giving as we experience the new year. In the name of Jesus, who can make us new, Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#96 (2)

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Then cleansed be every life from sin.
Make straight the way for God within.
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:12 – 22 (NRSV)

¹² "So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. ¹⁴ Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, ¹⁵ yet the LORD set His heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be

stubborn any longer. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God; Him you shall serve; to Him you shall hold fast; and by His name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise; He is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. ²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 128

#47

Bless All Who Trust in God

Bless all who trust in God and walk within God's ways;
bless every soul whose happiness springs from the Lord's own
praise!

Let families be strong and sparkle bright as wine;
let partners and let children thrive and flourish like the vine!

And since we may not boast such joys are ours by right,
teach us, good Lord, to take Your gifts with thanks and with
delight.

† **Gospel Lesson**

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said

that 'He is one, and besides Him there is no other';³³ and 'to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

Message

Pastor Bill

A Resolution That Leads To A Revolution

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **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

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 – 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.

† Hymn of Communion

#515 (1,5)

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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#724 (1,3,4)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end.
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Closing Voluntary

Calvin Riggs

Triptyque mvt. II Communion
(Louis Vierne)

† **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: 52

General Offering: \$18,346.00

Presbyterian Women: \$2,095.23

Total Offering: \$20,441.23

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. cancelled (resume: January 11)

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY

You are invited to join a Sunday Morning Study (SMS) as we *Journey Through Romans* beginning **Sunday, January 8.** The time is **9:18 – 10:15 a.m.** with coffee and a snack to follow. The study will be led by John Ferguson. Begin reading through Romans in preparation.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Join us next **Sunday, January 8**, following Morning Worship in the Narthex to celebrate Glen's birthday. There will be a basket for birthday cards. Let's show Glen how much we appreciate him!



January

- ▶ Ministry Teams Meeting: Monday, Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Jan. 12 & 26, 11:30 a.m.
- ▶ Pastor-led Bible Study begins: Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Sew Blessed: Monday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m.
- ▶ Finance Ministry Team: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Dames for Dinner: Thursday, Jan. 19, 5:30—7 p.m.
- ▶ Session Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 5:30 p.m.

SERMON NOTES

A Resolution That Leads To A Revolution

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending December 30, 2022

Family of Judy Fannin

Week ending December 23, 2022

Pastor Bill

Family of Britton Brinkley "Bink" Barlow (John Ferguson's uncle)

Family of Lini Breeback (Ruth Anne Hall's sister)

Ransom Gehringer

Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)

Nancy Jackson (Steve Jackson's wife)

John Justice, Jr. (Jane Justice's stepson)

Joyce McAllister (Susan Martell)

Annie Miller

Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)

Robert Trigg (Scott Sanderson's uncle)

Kim Whitman

Week ending December 16, 2022

Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Family of John W. Del Santo (Benita Heath)

Family of Stu Taylor (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

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 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>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

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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