

THIRD SUNDAY



IN LENT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

The  of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
(Craig Phillips)

Call to Worship

Jane Justice

Leader: Beneath the cross of Jesus,

People: We have come to take our stand.

Leader: Beneath the cross of Jesus,

People: His love makes us able to stand:

Leader: Able to stand free of condemnation;

People: Able to stand for justice and compassion.

Leader: Come, O Lord, and make us strong

ALL: Beneath the cross of Jesus. Amen.

† **Hymn of Lent**

#216 (1,2)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

We are called to be imitators of Christ; but we often mimic the world. We are called to march with others who walk the walk. But we are often content to talk the talk. We are called to be friends of the cross; but too often we have been enemies of it. We have our citizenship in heaven; but we have fallen in love

with the world. Forgive us, O God, for our false mimicry, our false friendships, and our false allegiances. Give us the strength and wisdom to follow in the way of the cross in the pattern set before us by our suffering Savior. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.

† Response

#216 (3)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

The Lord Is A Mighty God

(Felix Mendelssohn)

The Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over all false idols.

Psalm 95:3

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 32:7–14 (NRSV)

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let Me alone so that My wrath may burn hot against them, and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people, whom You brought out of

the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath; change Your mind and do not bring disaster on Your people.

¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, how You swore to them by Your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed His mind about the disaster that He planned to bring on His people.

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

Psalm 31

#214 (1,2,3,5)

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

You are my refuge, faithful God; You shelter me from shame.

I put my spirit in your hands and call upon Your name.

Deliver me from hidden snares, from sorrow, pain and strife.

When troubles seem to smother me, take heed and save my life!

Be gracious, God in my distress, and dry my bitter tears.

My life is spent in misery; I sigh away my years.

And yet I trust in You, O God; Your covenant still stands.

Redeem me in Your faithful love, my life is in Your hands.

† **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 9:51–56 (NRSV)

⁵¹ When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And He sent messengers ahead of Him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for His arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive Him because His face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

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

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

"Shall We Call Down Fire?"

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

My God, why would You shed Your blood so pure and undefiled?
To make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

† **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**

#711 (3)

Lord of All Good

Father, whose bounty all creation shows,
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

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.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Go, My Children with My Blessing
(Austin Lovelace)

† **Charge and Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Cathy Wilson*

Liturgist: *Jane Justice*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 67

General Offering: \$7,871.00

Backpack Ministry: \$342.00

Online Offering: \$625.00

Total Offering: \$8,838.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 12

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

"The God You Are Looking For" Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Blazer Jazz Band Dinner/Bethesda Community Hall, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

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

Lenten Worship: Holy Family Catholic Church, Noon

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 16

Caring With Heart, 5:30 p.m.



Choir & Bells Appreciation/Hymn Sing: Sunday, March 19, following worship

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, March 19, following worship

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

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

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

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

Lent Worship Services

Community Lent Worship continues Wednesdays during March.

Each service will begin at **Noon** with lunch at **12:30 p.m.**

March 15—Holy Family Catholic Church

March 22—First Christian Church

March 29—Cornerstone Methodist Church

An offering will be received at each service in support of the Community Kitchen, Shelter of Hope, and CARES.

Shoe Collection Continues

We continue to collect gently used shoes for school aged children in the Rowan County School System. The deadline is next Sunday, **March 19**. Rachel Dillon is very grateful for all those who have already donated shoes.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, March 19** following morning worship. The purpose is to replace a member of the session.

Appreciation & Hymn Sing

Please make plans to join us in the Bethesda Community Hall, **Sunday, March 19** following morning worship for an old-time hymn sing and a light lunch. Our own Max Jackson has wanted to have a “hymn sing” that will help us learn some new songs that we can use in worship settings. Let’s show Max we are ready to learn some new tunes! We will also have an opportunity to recognize and celebrate our Chancel Choir and Winchester Bells!



Dames & Dinner



We will not meet in March. We will begin a new study in April titled “The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament.” Each month we will have a different speaker. They are Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter, Beth Moore, Jennifer Rothschild, and Lisa Harper. We

meet the **third Thursday of each month** from **5:30—7 p.m.** Please register online at fpcaky.org each month so we will know how much food to order. All ladies are invited to join us!

♥ SPECIAL OFFERINGS ♥

1ST SUNDAY – Backpack Ministry

2ND SUNDAY – FPC Organ Repair Fund

3RD SUNDAY – Clean Start

4TH SUNDAY – CARES

5TH SUNDAY – Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

*Please place all special offerings
in the container located in the Narthex.*



BLAZER JAZZ DINNER

6-7:30
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1600 WINCHESTER AVE

SOUPS, DESSERTS,
SILENT AUCTION

\$7/PERSON
\$25/FAMILY



PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending March 10, 2022

Russell W. Holbrook (Charlie Holbrook's son)
Jack Hollin (Jan Holbrook's uncle)
Terry Maggard (Jan & Charlie Holbrook's neighbor)
Michelle Maxwell (Bethany Pollack Reece)
Mary Nicholson (Rev. Ike Nicholson's mother)

Week ending March 3, 2022

Don & Ruth Ellen Chaney (J.T. Norris)
Charline Eastin (Betty George's sister) and her Haitian colleagues
Annie & Bob Miller
Stacie Parsons (online)
Margaret VonVoorhis (Melissa Rigsby)
Kim Whitman

Week ending February 24, 2023

Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
Bill Roy (Jane Justice's brother-in-law)
Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)
Mary Vanderhoof (John Ferguson's mother)
Jeff Wilson (Judy Eby's brother)

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)

SERMON NOTES

“Shall We Call Down Fire?”

Luke 9:51–56 (NRSV)

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>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: TBD	Membership: TBD
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud & Kim Whitman</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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