



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Jimm Smedley

Announcements

Ellen Sharp

Prelude

Max Jackson

To God, The Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Diderik Buxtehude

† **Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 40)

L: We come to worship our God, who hears our cries and lifts us from the depths.

P: We gratefully gather for worship, trusting in His unfailing love.

L: He has put a new song in our mouths, a hymn of praise to our God.

P: Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him.

L: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud or to those who turn aside to false gods.

All: We come to worship our loving God, ready to sing of His goodness and grace!

† **Hymn of Praise**

#623

I've Got Peace like a River

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious Spirit, you desire good: good in the world and good in our lives. You have given us ways to know you and ways to know what your will is for us. But we confess that our wants and our desires cause us to turn away, to choose our own will and our own way. We think it will lead us to where we want to be, but God, we know that your way is the way of life eternal. So we pray for your Holy Spirit to work within us, to guide and lead us, to help us bear fruit, to grow and cultivate in us the way of life. Come, Holy Spirit, come. AMEN

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#442 (3)

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

Children's Message

(The children will collect coins for the 5 Cents a Meal Hunger Program following the children's message. Thank you for your contribution to this important ministry.)

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV) *Carli Weston*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

† **The New Testament Lesson:** Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV)

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimm Smedley

The Fruit Of The Spirit

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#36

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

† **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 (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement *Special Offering: Organ Repair Fund*

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;

loving counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;

unseen wings protecting hide you,

daily manna still provide you:

God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;

when life's perils thick confound you,

put unfailing arms around you:

God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;

keep love's banner floating o'er you;

smite death's threatening wave before you:

God be with you till we meet again.

† Postlude

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicholas Clerambault

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Donna Jones* | Liturgist: *Ellen Sharp*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 70

General Offering: \$1,196.00

Backpack Ministry: \$1,055.00

Memorials: \$675.00

Pastor's Discretionary: \$256.30

T Shirts: \$142.00

Online Offering: \$ 1,080.00

Total Offering: \$4,404.30

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡ SUNDAY, JULY 12

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.

➡ MONDAY, JULY 13

Ministry Teams meeting, 5:30 p.m.

➡ TUESDAY, JULY 14

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

➡ WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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

Bereavement Support Group, 6 p.m.

➡ THURSDAY, JULY 16

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

➡ SATURDAY, JULY 18

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

Pulpit Supply:

July 19: *Rev. Jimm Smedley*

July 26: *Rev. Deanna Bradley*

Aug. 2: *Rev. Jennifer Johnson*

Aug. 9: *Rev. Dr. Tom Hall*



2026 Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center Back to School Drive **July 5 – August 2**

High School Daily School Life:

Underwear (all sizes), male or female, Men's Shoes sizes 13, 14, 15, Personal hygiene items; Feminine products, Clothing XL–3 XL

High School Food Pantry:

Pop tarts, Instant Oatmeal, Cereal bars, Granola bars, Mac n cheese, Knorr's fiesta sides rice, Spaghetti noodles, Canned pasta sauce, Peanut butter Cheez-its, Peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers, Gripz Trail mix, Canned tuna, Canned chicken Soup (w/beef, chicken or potatoes), Chef Boy R Dee, Ramen Noodles, Packaged cookies

High School Classroom Needs:

Loose leaf paper, Pencils, Spiral Notebooks, Pens, Post-its, Three-Ring Binders, Graph paper, High lighters, Index Cards, White out, Plastic folders, Colored Pencils

Bereavement Support Group

FPC is offering a four-week Bereavement Support Group for adults and children, led by Chaplain Jimm Smedley. The group will meet in the FPC Sanctuary on **Wednesday, July 15, from 6 to 7 p.m.** It will continue at the same time and location for the following three Wednesdays. Questions, see Kelly Hanni.

VBS is Coming Soon!



Friday, July 31 – Aug 2

Friday: 5:30 – 8 p.m. @ FPC

Saturday: 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. @

Norris Family Pool

(2300 Hickory Ridge, Ashland)

Sunday: 10:50 a.m. VBS children
singing

All are invited to a Back to School
Brunch following Worship.

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. You may choose to fill your own box or donate to the monthly cause each month. A schedule is provided below, and the donation box is in

the Narthex. The OCC boxes will be blessed on November 8, 2026.

Contact Donna Jones.

July: *School supplies: Crayons, pencils and erasers, index cards, scissors, glue stick, markers, chalk*

August: *Coloring books, stickers, playdough, jump ropes, pencil cases*

September: *Wash clothes, comb, brush, toothbrush, fun band-aids, nail file*

October: *Small stuffed animal, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, Slinky, balls*

November: Money for postage.

A Note of Gratitude

We have been truly overwhelmed by the incredible outpouring of love, kindness, and support shown to our family during the passing of our beloved Bill. From the delicious meals, thoughtful cards, phone calls, and countless texts to every hug, kind word, and especially every prayer, you carried us through one of the most difficult seasons of our lives. Your compassion has been a source of comfort and strength that we will never forget. The Celebration of Life service was a beautiful tribute to Bill's life, faith, and legacy. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make the service so meaningful and special. Whether you attended, served behind the scenes, shared memories, provided music, or simply lifted us up in prayer, your love was evident in every detail. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for honoring Bill and for surrounding our family with such amazing love and support. We are deeply grateful to each one of you. With heartfelt gratitude, *The Pollack Family*

Thank you

Evan Jones & Mycah are registered at Zola.com.



*She's tying
the Knot*

join us for a

Bridal Shower

honoring

Mycah Jo Miller

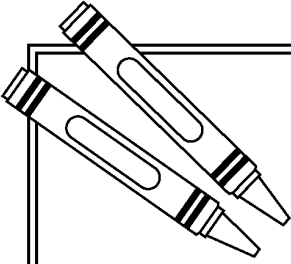
SAT | JULY 25 | 2026

at 11 o'clock for brunch

first presbyterian church

1600 winchester avenue, ashland, ky 41101

rsvp to kelly @ 606.923.7826



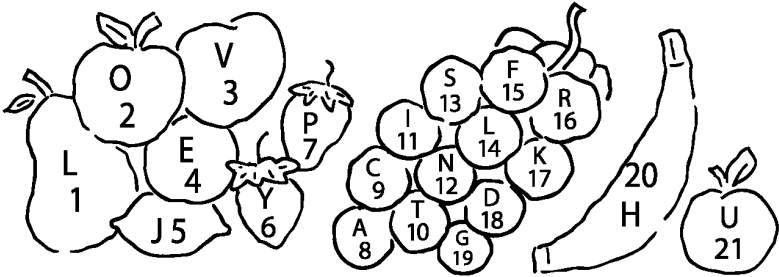
Just for KIDS

Fruit of the Spirit

In the summer we watch flowers, vegetables and fruit grow from tiny seeds and buds. That is also how we grow as children of God – from tiny beings. And as we grow, we need to grow “fruit of the Spirit.” In Galatians 5:22-23 we read about those “fruit of the Spirit.”

Find the “fruit of the Spirit.”

Write the letter from each fruit onto the numbered lines below.



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Answers: love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending July 9, 2026

Susan Folden (Nanette)

Family of Steve Jackson

Week ending July 2, 2026

Kena Broomall (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Week ending June 25, 2026

Family of Pastor Bill

Heather Shay

Ongoing:

<i>Christina Akers (Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Derek Payne</i>
<i>Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Khyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>

Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation: Kenny McGill, Sr.

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Betty Jean Phipps

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins);

Lieutenant Katie Brown (recent graduate West Point,

granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force,

grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard);

Lieutenant Colonel Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don &

Judy Lilly)

STAFF

Minister: *Vacant*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Jan Holbrook*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2027	2028	2029
<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook *</i>
<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>	<i>Mike Lilly</i>
<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>	<i>Ellen Sharp</i>
*2nd term of service		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Mitch Hall</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Mike Lilly</i>

To visit the church website, scan the code below.



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