



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

John Ferguson

Prelude

Max Jackson

Aria – from 12th Organ Concepts
(George F. Handel; Arr. F.A. Guilment)

Call to Worship

J.T. Norris

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

People: For great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

Leader: At His invitation to those who would be curious.

People: Let us resolve to "Come and see" the One who loves us completely.

All: For the glory of God! Amen!

† Hymn of Epiphany

#159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always..

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of Him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.

For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we go about our days failing to proclaim Your saving power with our voices or with our actions. We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt. We often choose what is expedient, not what is right. We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need and close our hearts to those we claim to love. We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#435 (2)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

God is My Strong Salvation – from The Sacred Harp

(arr. Austin C. Lovelace)

God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear? In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near: Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand; What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand? Place on the Lord reliance; my soul with courage wait; His truth be thy reliance, when faint and desolate; His might thy heart shall strengthen, His love thy joy increase; Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1 – 9 (NRSV)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 40 (tune – Amazing Grace)

#651

I Waited Patiently for God

I waited patiently for God, for God to hear my prayer;
and God bent down to where I sank and listened to me there.

God raised me from a miry pit, from mud and sinking sand,
and set my feet upon a rock where I can firmly stand.

And on my lips a song was put, a new song to the Lord.
Many will marvel, open-eyed, and put their trust in God.

Great wonders You have done, O Lord, all purposed for our good.
Unable every one to name, I bow in gratitude.

† The Gospel Lesson

John 1:29–42 (NRSV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,
“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰ This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because He was before me.’ ³¹ I, myself did not know Him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that He might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. ³³ I, myself did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and they remained with Him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Philip Lotspeich

Come and See

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou has for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth Thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare
love with Thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

† **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 – *Clean Start*

† Doxology

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#542 (1,2)

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.

Postlude

Voluntary in D Minor
(Wm. Boyce)

† 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: 58

General Offering: \$1,709.12

Backpack: \$25.00

Memorials: \$50.00

Presbyterian Women: \$159.85

Online Giving: \$1,468.90

Total Offering: \$3,412.87

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Rev. Lotspeich Meet & Greet, Noon

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

**MLK March, 10:30 a.m. with Luncheon, Noon here in BCH
Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Dames for Dinner, 5:30 p.m.



▶ Birthday Celebration for Nanette, Sunday, Jan. 22, Noon

▶ Finance Ministry Team: Tuesday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.

(DATE CHANGE)

▶ Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.

▶ Session Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m. **(DATE CHANGE)**

Welcome Rev. Philip Lotspeich



It is with great joy that we welcome our General Presbyterian to FPC! We look forward to hearing his message to the church. Following worship, please stay for a short while and introduce yourself to Rev.

Lotspeich as we fellowship in the Narthex.

Pastor Led Bible Study

Pastor Bill will lead a 11-week Bible study beginning next **Sunday, January 22 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)** at **5:30 p.m.** in the Bethesda Community Hall, or on Facebook. This study, ***The God You are***

Looking For, will help us rediscover (or discover) some of the attributes of God. Notebooks will be provided. Hope to see you then. Let's start the new year right as we hear God speak through the scriptures concerning Himself.



Martin Luther King Celebration



Honoring MLK

January 15 at 5 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 2717 Carter Ave., Ashland.

Speaker: Rev. Franklin Murphy, pastor of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Huntington WV. Worship Music by: New Joy Gospel Singers from Columbus OH. Theme:

"Fulfilling the Dream Together" based on Psalm 133:1.

Another MLK, Jr. event will be held Monday, January 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ashland Transportation Center. Pastor JD Crockrel of Christ Temple Church will be the keynote speaker. A "Freedom March" will follow the service and proceed to First Presbyterian Church. **FPC will host lunch for the participants of the MLK march on Monday, January 16 at Noon.**

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending January 13, 2023

Pastor Bill
Ransom Gehringer
Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)
Nancy Jackson (Steve Jackson's wife)
John Justice, Jr. (Jane Justice's stepson)
Annie & Bob Miller
Bill Roy (Jane Justice's brother-in-law)
Evelyn Spears (Kim Whitman)
Family of Josh Stewart (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)
Kim Whitman
Ann Wiseman (Kingsbrook)
Jim Wiseman (KDMC)

Week ending January 6, 2023

Family of Janice Howard (Nanette's aunt)
Family of Robert Trigg (Scott Sanderson's uncle)

Week ending December 30, 2022

Family of Judy Fannin

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,

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>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>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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