



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

10:50 a.m.

♦ We Gather in God's Name

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Dylan Morgan

Melody op. 4 no. 2 Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Call to Worship

Ryan Whitman

Leader: Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

People: Before God, let us sing praises.

Leader: In God's sanctuary let us proclaim God's love and

faithfulness.

People: Let us tell of all God's wonderful deeds.

Leader: Let us exalt God's holy name.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

† Hymn of Praise

#69

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I have made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, God of manna in the desert, God who nourished a hungry crowd with loaves and fishes, we admit that we find it difficult to trust Your abundance. We hoard what we have because it makes us feel secure. We keep score within our relationships, filing away mental tallies of our own good works and the shortcomings of others. We are happy to follow Christ — to a point. And when confronted by the gospel or challenged in our complacency, we make excuses. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust Your grace that defies logic; help us to live in Your extravagant love and boundless mercy. Give us the will to live all of life in service to You, our strength and Redeemer. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

#475 (3) † Response

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

♦ We Listen to God's Word ♦

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV) For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of His glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who by the power at (continued next page \rightarrow)

work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Psalm 103 #619 (1,2,3)

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress; God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me, praise God's name!

† The Gospel Lesson

John 6:1–13 (NRSV)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following Him because they saw the signs that He was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with His disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When He looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of His

disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, He told His disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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

Sermon Rev. Bill Pollack

When Jesus Provides

♦ We Respond to God's Word ♦

† Hymn of Response

#462

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory.

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

† 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

#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.

† Prayer of Dedication

♦ We Are Sent in God's Name ♦

† Hymn of Sending

#546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks, we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way.

Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

Postlude

Dylan Morgan

<u>Piano Sonata in E-flat op. 31 no. 3, I. Allegro</u> Ludwig van Beethoven

† Charge & Benediction

† Standing if you are able.

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: JT Norris Liturgist: Ryan Whitman

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 82

General Offering: \$1,166.00 Organ Repair Fund: \$221.00 Online Offering: \$310.58 Total Offering: \$1,697.58

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

• Sunday, August 18

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

• Monday, August 19

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

• Tuesday, August 20

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, August 21

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

• Thursday, August 22

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



A LIFETIME OF BUTTERFLIES

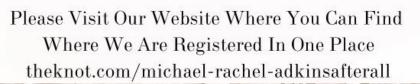
Join Us For A Bridal Shower Honoring

Rachel Dillon

Saturday | September 7th | 1:00PM

First Presbyterian Church of Ashland, KY 1600 Winchester Ave, Ashland, KY 41101 RSVP To Gretchen By August 17th 606.571.1894

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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry



During the month of August, we will collect: coloring books, stickers, playdough, jump ropes, and pencil cases.

Thank you for your kind response to this powerful ministry.



Fall 2024, Horizon Bible Study: "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight."

Place: First Presbyterian Church

When: First Thursday of the month, September 2024 through May 2025, from 6–7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10

To sign up, please contact Ann Wiseman or Bettie George Frye (606.831.8579). In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care. Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

A Great VBS Weekend!

Thank you to all those who helped with VBS this past weekend! To our parents and grandparents for bringing your children and youth to church, and our children for being our best FPC blessings. Special thanks to: Lee Hall for the wonderful and generous meals on Friday and Saturday; Kelly & JT Norris for hosting the pool party on Saturday; Geri Willis for leading the youth's sewing project; Heather Whitman for teaching our children how to make our communion bread; Congregational Life Team (including those who made casseroles, flipped pancakes, helped serve and cleanup) for the wonderful celebration brunch; Lisa Stevens for planning an amazing VBS; Heather Shay for leading our music; and our Friday night adult helpers: Kim Smithson, Donna Jones, Kathleen Filkins, Kara Adkins, Kris Adkins, Holli McClelland and Ellen Sharp. Thank you again for an amazing weekend! (Lee McCloud, Christian Education Chair)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending August 15, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)
Nancy (Rick) Grace (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Week ending August 8, 2024

Larry & Linda Barker
Jennifer Fahrson (Lisa Stevens' sister)
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)
Our Nation

Week ending August 1, 2024

John and Judy Eby (David Eby's brother and sister-in-law)
Family of Ron Reed (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Jay Sanderson (Scott Sanderson's brother)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Charlie Holbrook; Jane Justice; 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 (KY National Guard, Kuwait)
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

CHILDREN'S CORNER



THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

OHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes
bread comes I in
he hungry go He
life me me never
to never the of will
who will thirsty who

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jkImbreadnpofqrlife
dHeefghiwhojkImnpqr
bcdfcomesghijtokIme
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Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

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

Kelly Hanni Mitch Hall* Jimmy Hall

Kim Whitman Jan Holbrook Lee McCloud *

Geri Willis Ryan Whitman* J.T. Norris *

*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds:	Membership:
Glen Thomas	Kim Whitman
Christian Education:	Mission: Geri Willis
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Cathy Wilson	
Finance: Trish Hall	Worship: Ryan Whitman

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