

LUKE 1:68, NIV

*“Praise be  
TO THE Lord...”*

*because he has come to his  
people and redeemed them.”*



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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February 9, 2025

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

God Of Grace and God Of Glory

Alan Viner

## † Call to Worship

*Mitch Hall*

L: Come and worship! In wonder and awe, let us seek the face of God.

**P: God invites us to come just as we are.**

L: We come longing to experience God's embrace.

**P: God wraps us in His loving arms.**

L: We come hungry to encounter the Word.

**P: God feeds us the Bread of Life.**

L: We come parched for renewal and restoration.

**P: God quenches our thirst with living water.**

L: We come weary and worn.

**P: God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.**

L: Come and worship! In wonder and awe, God reveals the divine self to us.

**P: We come as we are and are changed by God's love and grace.**

**All: Give glory to God! Amen.**

## † Hymn of Praise

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God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown Thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith  
and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to Thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving Thee whom we adore,  
serving Thee whom we adore.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious and loving Spirit, who moves freely and gracefully through this world, transforming and mending the broken pieces, we confess that we stumble through life, trying to survive on our own power. We feel paralyzed—numbed by fear, by old habits, by the effort we expend in trying to impress others. We try to earn Your grace through our own awkward endeavors, forgetting that all that we are comes from You. In Your mercy forgive us. Fill us with Your liberating Spirit, that our souls might run, leap, and praise You, so that all the world would know Your grace and truth. In the name of Jesus, forgive us we pray. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#150 (4)

As With Gladness Men of Old

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

**Children's Message**

**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.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Epistle Lesson:** Philippians 3:12–16 (NRSV) *Carli Weston*

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

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

**Psalm 79** (tune: St. Thomas)

#430

Remember Not, O God

Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;  
in tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.

O Lord, our Savior, help, and glorify Your name;  
deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.

Then, safe within Your fold, we will exalt Your name;  
our thankful hearts with songs of joy  
Your goodness will proclaim.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 1:68–75 (NRSV)

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of His child David, <sup>70</sup> as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand

of all who hate us. <sup>72</sup> Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered His holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath that He swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup> that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness in His presence all our days.

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

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***This is Love – Transformation***

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#187

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are Yours.

We are Yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.  
Keep Your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Your children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor; early let us do Your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.

† **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**

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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 Fund*

#### **† Doxology**

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##### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

#### **† Prayer of Dedication**

##### **✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠**

#### **† Hymn of Sending**

#63

##### The Lord is God

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise to God, the Maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might;  
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart.  
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise to God, the Maker of all things and giver of our days.

## Postlude

With All My Heart I Praise Thee Lord

Johann Walther

## † Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

### SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Geri Willis*

Liturgist: *Mitch Hall*

### LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 78

Backpack Ministry: \$20.00

General Offering: \$5,787.00

Online Offering: \$849.99

**Total Offering: \$6.656.99**

### IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### ► Sunday, February 9

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.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

#### ► Monday, February 10

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

#### ► Tuesday, February 11

Galentine's Dinner, 6 p.m.

#### ► Wednesday, February 12

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

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

#### ► Thursday, February 13

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

Horizon's Bible Study, 5:15 p.m.



### 3rd Annual Spring Concert

We are pleased to announce that FPC will host the 3rd Annual Spring Concert, **Saturday, March 1** beginning at **12:30 p.m.**

This year's program includes Dr. Denine LeBlanc, Max Jackson, Calvin Riggs and members of the First Christian Church Choir. Come and let your spirit be uplifted through song. We will gather in the upstairs choir room. See Bettie George with questions.



## BABY POOL MAKING A SPLASH 2025

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF MOM-TO-BE

*Kara Adkins*

March 1st @ 2:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church  
1600 Winchester Ave.  
Ashland, KY 41101







# Diaper Raffle Delight

DIAPER RAFFLE DELIGHT

BRING A PACK, TAKE A DIVE,  
WITH EACH TICKET, YOU MIGHT THRIVE.  
WIN A PRIZE THAT MAKES A SPLASH,  
A JOYFUL WAVE, A FUN-FILLED BASH!

## *A Request from Mom-to-Be*

INSTEAD OF CARDS, LET'S MAKE A SPLASH,  
BRING A BOOK, LET THE STORIES OUTLAST!

A TALE THAT YOU TREASURE,  
A SWEET LITTLE LOOK,  
WILL BE SHARED WITH THE BABY,  
SO PLEASE BRING A BOOK.

*We can't wait to celebrate together!*

*Kara is registered at Amazon and Walmart*





# A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

*Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.*

Do not seek **re**\_\_\_\_\_ or bear a grudge against anyone among your \_\_\_\_\_ople, but **love** your **neig**\_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

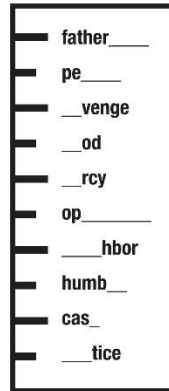
Learn to do **right**; seek **jus**\_\_\_\_\_. **Defend** the \_\_\_\_\_pressed. Take up the cause of **the** \_\_\_\_\_less; **plead** the \_\_\_\_\_e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go\_\_\_\_. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me \_\_\_\_\_ and to walk \_\_\_\_\_ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV



So in \_\_\_\_\_ything, do to ot \_\_\_\_\_ what you would \_\_\_\_\_ve them  
d \_\_\_\_\_ to you, for this s \_\_\_\_\_ms up the \_\_\_\_\_w and the Proph \_\_\_\_\_s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, law, prophets

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending February 6, 2025**

Family of Joyce Averill (Roger Potter's sister)  
Jimmy Hall

### **Week ending January 30, 2025**

Mattie Cooper (Natalie Robinson's mother)  
Judy Eby  
Carolyn Graber  
Don Lilly  
Mary Vanderhoof (John Ferguson's mother)

### **Week ending January 23, 2025**

JoAnn Fugett (Kelly Hanni)  
Mark Marshall (David Murphy's uncle)  
Family of Phyllis Tiffey (Kathleen Filkins sister-in-law)

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

**Ongoing:** Pastor Bill; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

**Kingsbrook Care Center:** Barry Barbour

**The Lantern:** Carolyn Graber

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

## 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
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>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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