

HOPE

in the Lord

Jeremiah 29:11



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment

Andrew Wheeler

Prelude

Max Jackson

Prelude on "Blessed Assurance"

Anne Davis

† Call to Worship

JT Norris

Leader: With all that we are, we gather to worship the Lord our God.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Leader: We gather to remember the gracious providence of God and to celebrate His generosity.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live.

Leader: We gather to receive the future as God's gift to us, and to renew our vows to Him.

People: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.

All: Not to us, O Lord, but to Your name we give glory for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness! Amen!

† Hymn of Praise

#39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, who showered bread on hungry people in the desert, You provide all that we need. But we are rarely content with what we need; we hunger for cheap luxuries and false comfort. We strive to be faithful to the gospel, as long as it does not interfere with our own agenda. We are willing to follow You, but not to suffer for You. Like the workers in the vineyard, we keep score and demand what we consider fair. Call us back in Your divine justice and mercy. Give us humble and obedient hearts. Teach us how to live simply and love abundantly, as You have loved us, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen, amen.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Go Not Far From Me, O God

(from Psalm 71)

Niccolo Zingarelli

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age;
forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise;
that I may sing Thy glory all the day long.

Prayer for Illumination**The Epistle Lesson**

2 Corinthians 8:1–9 (NRSV)

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, ⁵ and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.

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

Psalm 111 (tune: Winchester New)

#652

A Grateful Heart

A grateful heart is what I bring, a
song of praise my offering.

Among the saints I lift my voice:
in You, O God, I will rejoice.

Your name is known in all the lands.
You feed the poor with gentle hands.
Your word is true, your works are just;
in You, O God, the faithful trust.

With saving love You set us free,
and still You dwell in mystery
with wisdom none can comprehend.
Your praise, O God, will never end.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Mark 8:14–21 (NRSV)

Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵ And He cautioned them, saying, “Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.” ¹⁶ They said to one another, “It is because we have no bread.” ¹⁷ And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸ Do you have eyes and fail to see? Do you have ears and fail to hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to Him, “Twelve.” ²⁰ “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to Him, “Seven.” ²¹ Then He said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Understanding How God Provides

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

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*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see. [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 to the dead. 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 living 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**

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne
And honor power, and glory ascribe to God alone!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach,
no tongue declare;

O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
and reign without a rival there!

Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live;
myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell,
but Thy pure love alone;

O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy,
my treasure, and my crown!

All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is Thy way!
All fear before Thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er Thy healing beams arise.

O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Voluntary in D Major

John Bennett

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 88

General Offering: \$2,081.00

Organ Repair Fund: \$5.00

Disaster Relief: \$200.00

Online Offering: \$312.16

Total Offering: \$2,598.16

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

⇒ Sunday, November 17

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.

Mural dedication following morning worship

⇒ Monday, November 18

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

⇒ Tuesday, November 19

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

⇒ Wednesday, November 20

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

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

⇒ Thursday, November 21

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Our Estimate of Giving Cards

We are moving towards our Celebration Sunday and looking with HOPE in the coming year of ministry. Together, we are going to accomplish greater things for the Lord. Our estimate of giving cards are in our church mailboxes. Please make sure to prayerfully complete it and return by **Sunday, November 24** during Morning Worship. We can make a difference through our commitment of time, talents, gifts and service. Thank you for your generous response!

Thanksgiving & Stewardship Commitment Dinner



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 24**, when we will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall following morning worship for a time of celebration and thanks giving for our Stewardship

Emphasis success! The Church will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and drinks. We are being asked to provide salads, sides, and desserts. We hope to see you as we celebrate together God's blessings in our congregation.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Ashland Area Ministerial Association will host the Community Thanksgiving service on **Sunday, November 24** at **7 p.m.** at CornerStone Methodist Church.

Family Night/Advent Kick-Off

Please join us on **Sunday, December 1** from **5:30 – 6:45 p.m.** in the Bethesda Hall for a Family Night of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826, with any questions.



Christmas Cookie Exchange

We are happy to announce that our cookie exchange is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8** following Morning Worship. Please bring your cookies individually wrapped and/or in baggies. We look forward to this festive time of sharing our favorite cookies with one another. Rumor is that we will have "special" visitors who will delight the hearts of children of all ages. Questions, see Mary Patterson.



Christmas Card Exchange

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE



Thanks to Kim Whitman and the Membership Ministry Team for this fun idea. You may exchange Christmas cards with your church family by dropping them off in

their church mailbox. Kelly has provided a Christmas card list that is available in the Narthex.

Oh Christmas Tea

Please join us for our
First Annual Christmas Tea



Saturday
December 14th
2:00 pm.

First Presbyterian Church
1600 Winchester Ave
Ashland, KY 41101

All ladies of the church are invited (grades K and older).
RSVP by 12/8 in the Narthex or text Kelly: 606.923.7826

*There is a Christmas Tea sign-up sheet
available in the Narthex.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending November 14, 2024

Gail Frazier (Nanette)

Trish Hall

Kate Hanni

Judy Lilly

Dr. Roger Potter

Week ending November 7, 2024

Amy Crookes

Allyson Garnes (Pastor Bill & Nanette's great niece)

Kaylee McKnight (John & Kay Ferguson's great niece)

Family of Andrew Napier (son of Rev. Brad Napier)

Week ending October 31, 2024

Bill Christian (Kim Whitman)

Kia Jensen (Kim & Mike Whitman's daughter)

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Jeffery 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: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; 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 (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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