

HOPE

in the Lord

Jeremiah 29:11



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment

Jimmy Hall

Prelude

Max Jackson

Prelude In G Major (BWV 147)

J S Bach

† Call to Worship

JT Norris

L: We are here to celebrate our risen Lord's presence, and we affirm the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace.

P: Here we discover the meaning of life, know the power of love, and together celebrate new life in Christ.

L: To the place and time we have come. God is with us as a community of faith as we look to the future with hope.

P: With neighbor and friend and with the stranger also, we have come together to worship and give God praise.

All: May we now celebrate new life in Jesus Christ and sing the praise of a loving and compassionate God.

† Hymn of Praise

#20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them everyone. [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

† Call to Confession

† **Prayer of Confession**

O God, we live our lives as best we can — dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek Your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for Your insight. Fill us with Your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. 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 *Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Blessing*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring (from Cantata 147)

J S Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy Wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.

Word made God our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,

Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring dying round thy throne.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson Philemon 1:4–7 (NRSV)

Carli Weston

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers,
⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

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

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Mark 10:46–52 (NRSV)

They came to Jericho. As He and His disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, He is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."

Immediately he regained his sight and followed Him on the way.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Foundation for Hope (Optimism)

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response** (tune: Festal Song)

#434

Restore in Us, O God

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of Your love;
renew Your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of Your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of Your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of Your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see You face to face.

† **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: Organ Repair

† **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**

#269

Lead on, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er Your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Postlude

Max Jackson

In Thee Is Joy (from The Little Organ Book)

J S Bach

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 92

General Offering: \$5,076.30

Backpack Ministry: \$60.00

Disaster Relief: \$100.00

Online Offering: \$925.00

Total Offering: \$6,161.30

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- **Sunday, November 10**

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.

Unveiling of FPC Mural, following morning worship

- **Monday, November 11**

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, November 13**

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

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

- **Thursday, November 14**

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

Horizon's Bible Study, 5:15 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 located in our 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!

With Grateful Hearts

Thank you on behalf of the staff here at FPC for your generous gifts and expressions of love during Staff Appreciation Month, It is our joy to serve you on behalf of the Lord! Know that we are honored and blessed because of you!



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 (you might even consider some cranberry sauce for Pastor Bill). We hope to see you as we celebrate together God's blessings in our congregation.

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.



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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending November 7, 2024

Amy Crookes

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

Trish Hall

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

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

Dr. Roger Potter

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)

Week ending October 24, 2024

Gail Frazier (Nanette)

Matt Dillon

Jimmy Hall

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)

Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message
and Bible verse, using the code below.

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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

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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