

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
You Tube: [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and
our website, www.fpcsalem.org.

"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Jan Sanborn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Carillon Ringers)

Robert Groth and Kevin McChesney

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and
bodies to the worship of God as the
light of Christ is brought forward.*

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Carillon Ringers)

Robert Groth and Kevin McChesney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

*HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We cannot escape the sin and brokenness in our world or in our hearts. But in Jesus Christ, God comes and meets us in our

brokenness and makes us whole again. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say,

His steadfast love endures forever.

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

The Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** (*Unison; Hymn 579*)

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.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

A Festive Hosanna

The Haviland Choir

Douglas Nolan

Daybreak Music, CCL#2595933

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
give praise to the King.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
lift voices and sing.

Blessed is He who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Oh, blessed is He who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.

See He rides through the ancient streets.
People gather as they greet the promised Savior.
Wave the palms, hosanna!
Raise a psalm, hosanna!

Come now and worship Christ the King of kings!
Come and worship the King!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
give praise to the King.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
lift voices and sing.

Blessed is He who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Oh, blessed is He who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is He who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Oh, blessed is He who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord, the Lord!

THE SECOND READING

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who

were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“Opening the Gates”

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; from “A Declaration of Faith”, 1977*)

Jesus died for sinners.

One of Jesus’ followers betrayed him.

Others abandoned and denied him

because they were afraid to stand with him.

He was sentenced, mocked, beaten,

and crucified as a common criminal.

We confess that in the execution of Jesus

the sin of the human race reached its depths.

The only innocent One was condemned and put to death,

not by the sinfulness of one nation,

but by the sinfulness of us all.

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Sarah Teklewold

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood

*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts – the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION / LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

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.

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 2162, Sing the Faith, Grace Alone*)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

John Bacchus Dykes

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

1. What did the gathered crowds think Jesus could do for them?
2. Can you think of a time when you expected God to work in your life in a certain way, and He worked differently?
3. How can you join with creation in praising God?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Light-Bearer: Mark Zocolo

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Goldie Burrier in memory of loved ones. *Open Dates for Bulletins* – June 8, 15, 22.

Chancel Flowers have been given by Rich and Pat Eichler in memory of all loved ones and church family, and in honor of Rich's birthday; by Fred and Phyllis Denton in memory of our beautiful daughter-in-law, Terri Denton; by Ellen Maticcik in memory of Frank's birthday, April 22; by Tim and Melissa Costa in loving memory of Nick and Georgiana Costa – "Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear."; and by Goldie Burrier in memory of loved ones.

Chime Project – An electronic system will be installed in our bell tower that not only chimes the time, but also plays over 3000 spiritual songs and is controlled remotely. The estimated remaining cost after a member donation is approximately \$3,100. Donations will be received through May 30, 2025 to fully fund the project. A chart showing donations is in Fellowship Hall.

Interested in Overseeing Garage Sale????

Please contact Bill Penfold, 330-831-2673 or exmatch@neo.rr.com.

Paper Shredding – The Salem Public Library Community Paper Shred will take place this Saturday, April 19, from 10:00 to 12:00 in the library parking lot.

Environmental Team Book Study (last call) – The Environmental Team is organizing a book study that we hope many of you will join. The book, “Silent Spring” by Rachel Carson, has been chosen for our study. It is described as a classic book that helped to launch the Environmental Movement. If you are interested in joining us or you have friends or other family members who would like to participate, please call the office and let Phyllis know as soon as possible. Our first meeting to discuss the beginning of the book will be on Earth Sunday, April 27th following worship. If the weather is good, we are hoping to meet outside in the gazabo and enjoy a picnic lunch together. A second gathering to discuss the rest of the book will be determined that day. We hope you will consider being a part of this study.

Nature Walk – All you bug enthusiasts, mark your calendars! The Environmental Team is planning an outing to the Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center at the Mount Union College on May 10 from 1:00 to 2:00. Participants will go out into the center with nets and collecting jars to gather up any little critters you might find. We will then gather back together and learn about our findings. More information will be announced closer to the date.

Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college or university attending, and course of study, if known, by June 30.

Pollinator Garden – As part of the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout, a scout must plan, develop, and lead a significant service project that benefits the community. Sydney Thompson has chosen to create a beautiful and vital pollinator garden to be housed on our church property. This pollinator garden will serve as a crucial habitat for bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators that play a vital role in our ecosystem and food production. The garden will not only look beautiful, but it will also provide an educational opportunity for community members of all ages to learn about the importance of pollinators and how to support them. To bring this important project to fruition, Sydney is seeking financial donations from our church members to support the purchase of essential materials for the pollinator garden. Your support will not only help Sydney achieve this personal goal, but will also leave a lasting positive impact on our church, our community and the environment. Please make any checks out to the church, and in the Memo Line add Pollinator's Garden so that they can go towards Sydney's garden.

Palm Sunday, April 13

6:00 Cub Scouts (Basement)

Monday, April 14

12:00 Holy Yoga Class (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 Troop 3 (Basement) / Troop 2003G (209)

7:00 Congregational Care Committee (Library)

Tuesday, April 15

11:00 Preschool Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 16

11:00 Lent Study (Library)

Maundy Thursday, April 17

12:00 Holy Yoga Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:00 Adult Class (Library) / Youth Class (209)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Lord’s Day Worship – *Communion*

Monday, April 21

12:00 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ
with our community and the world.*