

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

June 29, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost



Blessed

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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.fpcsaalem.org.

“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

O Worship the King in a setting of "Hornpipe" of G.F. Handel

arr. Cindy Berry

Stay Thou with Me

J.S. Bach, arr. Don Wyrzten

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

PRELUDE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen Lemmel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We bring all we are to worship God:

Our hopes and our losses,

Our faith and our questions.

Our unique gifts and selves.

Just as we are, this very day,

We bring our praise to God.

*HYMN 374

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God invites us to draw close to him and speak to him like our neighbor. But sin and shame tell us to stay away from God. Let us leave our sin and shame at God's feet, trusting Him to be merciful and loving.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Creator God, you made us with full and complex hearts that
can respond in so many ways to the realities of your world.**

Forgive us when we deny what we feel or lash out from our feelings; when we turn away from others' grief, fear, or anger; when we believe you only love us if we pretend everything is okay; when we try to be less than the people you have made us to be. Give us strength to face the fullness of our own hearts, and to love others as we meet them. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus calls us friends, not slaves or students but friends. He longs to walk through life with us, to lift us when we fall and encourage us when we tire.

We have confessed our brokenness and now accept the mercy gifted to us through Christ.

We do not walk alone in this life.

But hand in hand with 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 WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

In this world, in the silence and the cries of those full of longing, you call to us, Holy God. Speak your words to us now and write them on our hearts, so that we would always follow you and walk in your straight paths. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Les Barricades Mystérieuses

Nancy McNeal, Harpsichord

F. Couperin

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-11

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“The Mad That You Feel”

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

We believe in God,

who loved us before we were born,

who has high hopes for us

and who provides for all our needs.

We believe in Jesus Christ

in whom we know God most clearly

and see the person God means us to be.

**We believe in the Holy Presence
and dare to claim the fullness of joy,
the peace that passes all understanding,
and the fellowship of all those who trust in God.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Fred Bock

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**With open and generous hearts, we give you these gifts, God.
Take them and bless them so they may be used for your holy
work and bring your love to the ends of the earth. 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 361

How Firm a Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 432; Song of Hope*)

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,

Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

John Carter

*Please stand if you are able.

**Some of the Liturgy comes from Deep Well Worship.*

Questions for thought:

1. Do you believe there are good and bad feelings?
2. How do you understand that God made all of humanity, including our feelings and emotions?
3. What emotions come to mind when you think about God?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Tegan Jackson

Light-Bearer: Ruth Newman

Bulletins and Flowers were donated by Tim and Melissa Costa commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and celebration of America's nationhood.

Flowers have been given by Alice Jackson in Honor of Whitney Fay Bodnar.

These Days – There are copies of this Presbyterian devotional available at the east and west Sanctuary entrances.

A Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of electing Carol Ricciardi as an Elder for the Class of 2026 will be held next Sunday, July 6, immediately following worship.

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. The deadline is tomorrow, June 30.

Chime Project – The Carillon was launched on Friday, June 13 and is running its normal schedule of 4 hymns per day: 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Each chime starts with 3 bells, then 1 minute later, a random hymn plays.

The Summer Concert Series will be held at Waterworth Park tonight at 6:00 p.m. featuring the Salem Quaker City Band, *“An American Celebration”*. Admission is free and attendees are reminded to bring lawn chairs. A vendor is available to purchase food and soft drinks.

All Hands on Deck for the 2025 Denise’s Big Back Yard Events!

An exciting addition for this summer is that we will have a large tent to use for our weekly picnics. An informational meeting for volunteers will be held in the church library today after morning worship. Sign-up sheets for side dish and dessert donations will be posted in Fellowship Hall closer to the start-up date of July 9. Wednesday evening programs are listed below. **Any and all help is appreciated!**

- **July 9** – All About Pollinators!
- **July 16** – Come and Learn More about our Preschool
- **July 23** – Live Music from Jesse and Lulu Reeks
- **July 30** – Historian John Barnett on Chief Logan
- **August 6** – Learn about our Scouts Troop
- **August 13** – Reptile Rescue

Hymn Sing – Sunday, July 20

Join us outside as we share our favorite hymns and a picnic lunch together.

Do You Have Old, Unused and Unwanted Electronics Lying around the House and Taking Up Space?

I know we all probably have drawers with unused electronics. You don't have to throw it away and have it add one more item to the local garbage dump. Instead, you can do something good for the earth and help a local, small business. Summit e-Waste Recycling Solutions at the Walborn Reservoir located at 11324 Price St NE in Alliance has a dumpster where you can bring electronics for recycling. Call them at 330-800-6657. They take computers, modems, routers, servers, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, small printers, cables, wires, power adaptors, and computer monitors.

Recycling News: John Repella is looking for any metal he can recycle. Give him a call to arrange a pickup, 234-320-1144. Mention you are from First Presbyterian Church.

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool is now accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year. The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children. The Preschool staff is dedicated to maintaining a positive, nurturing environment promoting creativity, curiosity, and kindness. Our Preschool follows a Christian theme and participates in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" system. We have an Early Childhood degreed teacher and experienced staff. Financial assistance is available through Job and Family Services for those qualifying. Children will develop skills needed for kindergarten readiness. Call 330-332-8620 for more information.

The First Presbyterian Preschool is continuing an initiative to provide financial assistance to preschool aged children whose parents may need some monetary help in attending preschool this fall. A separate church fund has been established as a means for church members, community members as well as organizations to contribute to this fund to support this project. The fund is called "Preschool Scholarship Fund". The Preschool Board is also

discussing ways to support the funding through fundraisers, etc. If church members wish to help in this effort to assist parents who need some financial support to send their child to our preschool this fall, you may do so by contributing through your church contributions. Putting the words “Preschool Scholarship Fund” on your check would indicate that you are supporting this fund. Money in church envelopes could also be designated on the envelope with the words “Preschool Scholarship Fund”. The Preschool Board thanks you in advance for your consideration in supporting this important preschool scholarship initiative. If you have any questions concerning this initiative, contact any member of the Preschool Board – Jennifer Gillis, Chelsey Hovanic, Alice Jackson, Jean McCool, Wanda Navoyosky, Ruth Newman, Carol Ricciardi, Annie Parker, Cara Stephens.

Troop 3 is seeking adult leaders and young persons ages 11-18. Qualifications are adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, a love of adventure, learning, and teamwork. Perks are a world-class team, adventure, and learning amazing things. For more information, see Mark Smith or Frank Lewis.

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, June 29

After Worship, Denise’s Big Back Yard Informational Meeting (L)
6:00 Concert at Waterworth Park – *Salem Quaker City Band*

Monday, June 30

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

Tuesday, July 1

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours
9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 2

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

Thursday, July 3

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours
9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 6

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 Service of Worship – *Western Reserve Brass*

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