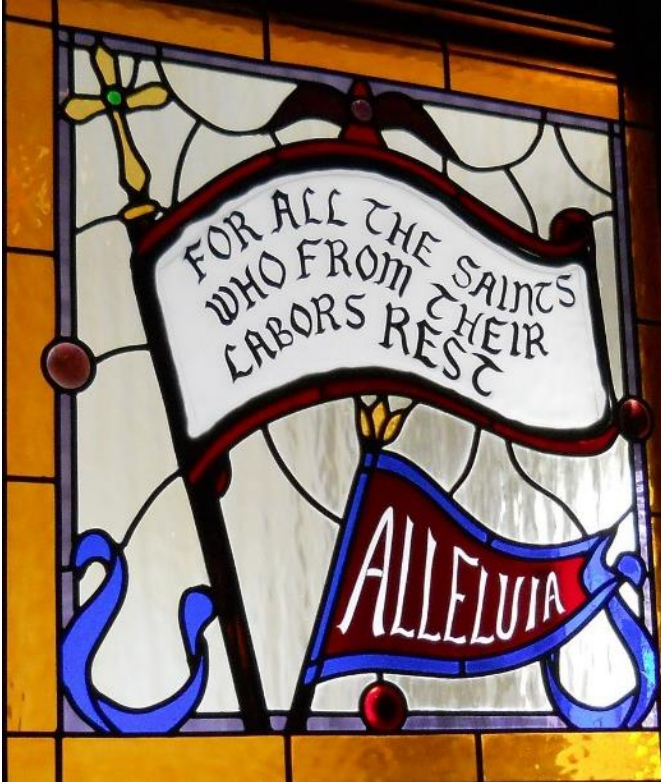


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

November 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Song of Joy

Christopher Boodle

From Thy Throne So High

C.W. Gluck

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

PRELUDE

The Angelus

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

In life and in death We belong to God.

Baptized into Christ's death We live unto Him.

Come, let us Worship God!

*HYMN 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to

your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Let us give thanks unto the Lord;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

***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

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord. God's dominion is forever.

As for us our days are grass;

Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

And God's righteousness is to children's children.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

But the word of the Lord stands forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord. God's dominion is forever.

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

¹ But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. ² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster ³ and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace. ⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. ⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; ⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. ⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. ⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. ⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

arranged by Lloyd Larson

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Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,

Until my will is one with Thine,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity, of Thine eternity. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Home of God"

Rev. Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

A Song without Words

Dale Wood

Loose Cash Offering today will go to our Board of Deacons.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Father God, you have given to us with unending generosity.
You give us our lives and every day that we live. You give us
hope and peace that cannot be taken away. You give us love
and teach us to love as you do. Let us give these gifts back to
you, with generous and grateful hearts, so your kingdom can
be built on earth and your generosity might be shared with
everyone.**

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Today we remember the members of this congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year.

*Meena Weingart, Bell Ringer
Joseph Seefeldt, Light-Bearer*

Judy Faye (Harrold) White.....January 7, 2024
Francis G. "Frank" MaticsikFebruary 13, 2024
Janet Robarge.....March 20, 2024
Genevieve Hein (Steele) Benson April 5, 2024
Ruth L. (Salyers) Chaffee May 12, 2024
Rose Marie (Crawford) Crookston.....June 5, 2024
Barbara Jean (Erath) Plummer July 14, 2024
Beverly Shaffer Inge Price July 20, 2024
Arthur W. VotawOctober 23, 2024
Bill McCormick.....October 31, 2024

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ
are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *including* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION /
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Then in the fullness of time,
out of your great love for the world,
you sent your only Son to be one of us,
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The bread and the cup will be received by coming forward and given a piece of bread, taking the cup, and returning the cup to a tray. If you cannot come forward, you will be served in the pew.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our "God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!"

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*2162, Sing the Faith*)

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

Thine Is the Glory

G.F. Handel

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

1. Where are we most comfortable?
2. Where is a place we dream of?
3. What will it be like to live beside God?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Ruth Newman

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins and Flowers have been given anonymously to the Glory of God.

Flowers have been given anonymously in memory of loved ones.

Small Black Hearing Devices are missing. These devices are about 3" x 4" square and have a cable with an ear plug attached. They are usually on the tables near the Sanctuary entrances. They only increase sounds when used in the Sanctuary. If you know where one is, please return it to the ushers area as soon as possible. Several people use these to hear the sermon on Sundays.

Café Justo's great Organic Coffee we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour is for sale today in Fellowship Hall! Cost is \$12.00 for a 1-pound bag of regular, decaf, or whole bean coffee. Cooperative members own the entire business from the growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade Plus certification.

Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering

\$1,747.00 as of October 29, 2024

Daytimers – Wednesday, November 6

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring Covered Dish to Share.

The Director of Sophia Women's Center will speak.

Fall Soup Luncheon – Sunday, November 17

Fellowship Hall following Worship / Anyone wishing to bring soup to share would be appreciated. Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee.

Hurricane Relief for Asheville

1. The church has located several drivers who will be taking much needed items to the folks in Asheville NC following the hurricane devastation there. We have several members of our congregation retired there. For now we are collecting shoes, boots, socks, slightly used clothing and toiletries. Like items should be put in plastic bags. Toiletries can be bagged together. The volunteers there are getting black trash bags full of misc. items and sorting these is taking valuable time. Boxes will be on the stage in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Check donations should be placed with the collections on Sundays or given to the office. Check memo should include Asheville Hurricane Relief.
2. Another way to help is to Google MANNA Food Bank Asheville. Hurricane Helene Relief will come up. From there you can donate with a credit card or mail a check to their address which is now being diverted to a PO box. Their buildings are now unsafe to enter so all supplies and computers and forklifts are lost.
3. Jane Stoffer's church in Asheville is a "Hub for Resource Sharing", staffed by volunteers from the church. They are open every day to pass out products to those in need. Donations may be sent to the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Go to gcpcusa.org to contribute. All donations are used directly for those in need.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is part of a large and dedicated community of disaster response organizations assisting with needs and resources from Hurricane Helene. In these difficult times, we are called to respond through generosity, action and prayer – continually standing in the “gap” to uplift our neighbors and offer hope in their journey toward recovery. Make checks payable to the church and mark ‘Hurricane Helene’ on the memo line. Please continue to pray for survivors, those who have experienced loss of loved ones, and responders.

Frank Lewis started a new Tai Chi class, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The class is free and open to all, especially beginners. It focuses on balance and fall prevention.

Troop 3 B is having a recruiting drive seeking adult leaders and young persons, ages 11-18. Qualifications: adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, a love of adventure, learning and teamwork. Perks: 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, November 3

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Monday, November 4

10:00-11:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

4:30-7:00 Piano in Use (S)

6:30 Troops 3 and 2003G (B / 209)

7:00 Board of Deacons (Library)

Tuesday, November 5

1:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

Wednesday, November 6

10:00-11:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

12:00 Daytimers (FH) – *Sophia Women’s Center*

6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

6:30-8:30 Piano in Use (C)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, November 7

6:00 Christian Education (Library) / **Mission I and S** (Parlor)

7:00 Devotions (Sanctuary)

7:15 Property (Library) / **Worship, Music, and Arts** (Parlor)

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