

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio
You Tube: [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](https://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

*The Rejoicing
To God Be the Glory*

*Charles Callahan
Don Hustad*

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

PRELUDE

Hymnus

A. von Fielitz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

“My people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame” *(Joel 2:26d-27)*

Christ is Risen!

He is risen, indeed!

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Let us worship God.

*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

All Loving God, by the unequalled power of Your grace and will for life, You raised Your Son from the tomb, conquered sin and death, and set in motion the day when the Kingdom will come.

We confess that we have not believed this good news. We act as if we know what can and cannot happen in the world. We cannot even imagine a world where evil is not master, or where humans do not control the destiny of the planet. Have mercy on us, for the sake of the Risen Christ. Forgive our sins and grant us a new life, one that serves Jesus Christ, shows His love and lives in the dawning of Your new day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.” *(Hosea 14:4)*

Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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)*

O God, when our Risen Lord appeared to His disciples on the day of His resurrection, He opened the scriptures to them so that they could know Your eternal purpose. Grant that Holy Spirit may also guide us to deeper faith, purer love, and greater obedience, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings:

with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Jesus Shall Reign

Carillon Ringers

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*Jan Cox, Mike Newman, Ruth Newman,
Sue Skiba, Barb Fennema, Joseph Seefeldt,
Jody Karmazin, Jennifer Zamarelli*

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children,

let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

Jesus Leads Me All the Way

Mary McDonald

Lorenz Publishing Co., CCL#2595933

All the way my Savior leads me,
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, what-e're befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

He will lead me through deep waters;
He will guide me every day.
Put my trust in the Lord
and lean strongly on His Word,
He will lead me all the way.
Jesus leads me all the way.

All the way my Savior leads me,
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.

When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way!

He will lead me through deep waters;
He will guide me every day.
Put my trust in the Lord
and lean strongly on His Word,
He will lead me all the way.
Jesus leads me all the way.

This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way, all the way.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶ “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: *“In the Presence of God”*

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

The Holy Spirit equips the Christian community. The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit. The gifts were given for the common good to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. No gift is of value without love.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

INSTALLATION OF AN ELDER

Sentences of Scripture (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27*)

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation

Phyllis Denton is being presented for installation to active service on the Session.

Constitutional Questions

Questions of the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept this person as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Janet Linker

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

With the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God, You have given us hope beyond measure and life without fear. In Him You free us for eternity today. We dedicate our offerings to the mission of Christ, which is the renewal of all the world to reflect Your glory. 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 525

Here I Am, Lord

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 118*) *The Day of Resurrection!*

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that has no end.

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

POSTLUDE

Recessional

F.W. Esper

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought:

What limits you from knowing the presence of Christ?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Acolyte/Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins have been given by Fred and Phyllis Denton in memory of our beautiful daughter-in-law, Terri Denton.

Flowers have been given by Fred and Phyllis Denton in memory of our beautiful daughter-in-law, Terri Denton; and by Rich and Pat Eichler in memory of all loved ones and church family.

Soup to Go Today – Vegetable Beef

Our committee has chosen to keep the price of the soup at \$5.00 but with the rise in cost of the ingredients, we will not have as much money to donate to the local missions. If at all possible, please consider adding a small donation when you purchase your soup today. Please return jars and lids.

Used Eclipse Glasses

I have just read that our recently used eclipse glasses can be sent to Eclipse Glasses USA to be used again. They will redistribute the glasses to children in various countries around the world so they can experience eclipses without risking their eyesight. Please save your undamaged and in good condition eclipse glasses and bring them to church. I will have a box on the stage in the Fellowship Hall where they can be placed. And please, spread the word to others. Let's see how many we can share. ~ *Carol Ricciardi*

Café Justo's great Organic Coffee is what we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$12 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. If you want to purchase, stop in the Church Office during the week.

New Church School Class Possibility

Our Session's Christian Education Committee is discussing the possibility of adding a Sunday morning church school class for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Graders. Rather than survey the whole congregation, we would appreciate your sharing names of your children, grandchildren, or possible other children who might be interested in such a class. This class would be a time of learning about Jesus by reading stories, singing songs, and participating in

other activities as their first introduction to church and God's love. Please put names or contact information in the offering plate or the Church Office mailbox as soon as possible. Thanks! ~ *Judy Herron, Moderator of CE Committee*

Preschool Family Fun Night – Tuesday, April 16

Come explore the wonderful world of books from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Interested and current families are invited for a fun night of learning. Hot dogs, chips, and cookies will be served. For more details, call 330-332-8620.

Community Paper Shred – Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Salem Public Library parking lot.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans – Sunday, April 21

Part of the 10:30 service will include a roll call of clans. So, if you or your family has Scottish lineage, please contact Phyllis at (330) 337-9555, or phyllis@fpcsaalem.org with the clan name, so the names can be listed and recognized. We intend to recognize all members as Children of God, celebrating everyone's heritage. More information on Tartans and Clans can be found on several websites including: Clan.com – clans or tartans. ~ *Worship Committee*

Presbyterian Book Sale – Sunday, April 21

Do you have any books on your bookshelf that you want to let someone else read? Would you like to replace them with some new reads? We will display donated garage sale books on tables in Fellowship Hall, before and after church, for you to browse through and purchase for a nominal fee. Leftover books will be donated to the Salem Public Library book sale. If you have books to donate, please bring them to the stage in Fellowship Hall as soon as possible. On Sunday, April 21st, get a cup of coffee or juice, put on your reading glasses, and search for some summertime books.

ANNUAL CHURCH



Saturday, April 27, 2024 (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

“Early Bird” for church members
(Friday, April 26, 1-3 p.m.)

Please help by looking for clean, usable items you no longer need. There will be tables for:

- Kitchen
- Music
- Holiday
- Working Lamps
- Linens
- Garage
- Jewelry
- Kids & Toys
- Small Furniture
- Bikes, etc.
- Antiques
- Books
- Pictures

PLEASE: No Clothing, No Shoes, No Electronics, No TVs,
No Computers, No Upholstered Furniture, No Food,
No Open Toiletries or Makeup

Place all donation items on the stage in Fellowship Hall
no later than Sunday, April 21.

Need pick-up? Call Melissa at 330-853-1955.

Thanks for your help!!

Proceeds to LOGOS/Sunday School Mission

Sunday, April 14

11:30 Soup to Go – Vegetable Beef

11:30 Environmental Team (Library)

3:00-5:00 Sandy Beaver Chapter OA (FH)

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, April 15

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:30 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)

Tuesday, April 16

5:30-7:00 Preschool Family Fun Night

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, April 18

7:00 Regular Session Meeting (Library and Hybrid)

Saturday, April 20

9:00 Salem Music Study Club Auditions (S)

Sunday, April 21

9:00 Church School for Adults (L) / Grades 6-12 (209)

10:00 Coffee Hour

10:30 Service of Worship – *Kirkin' O' the Tartans*

Presbyterian Book Sale (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, April 22

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:30 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)

Wednesday, April 24

- 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
- 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
- 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Saturday, April 27

- 7:00-3:00 Garage Sale (FH)**

Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 Church School for Adults (L) / Grades 6-12 (209)
- 10:00 Coffee Hour
- 10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*
- 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Blue and Gold Banquet

Vision Statement

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

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- Temporary Pastoral Leadership Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis, 304-266-8154
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