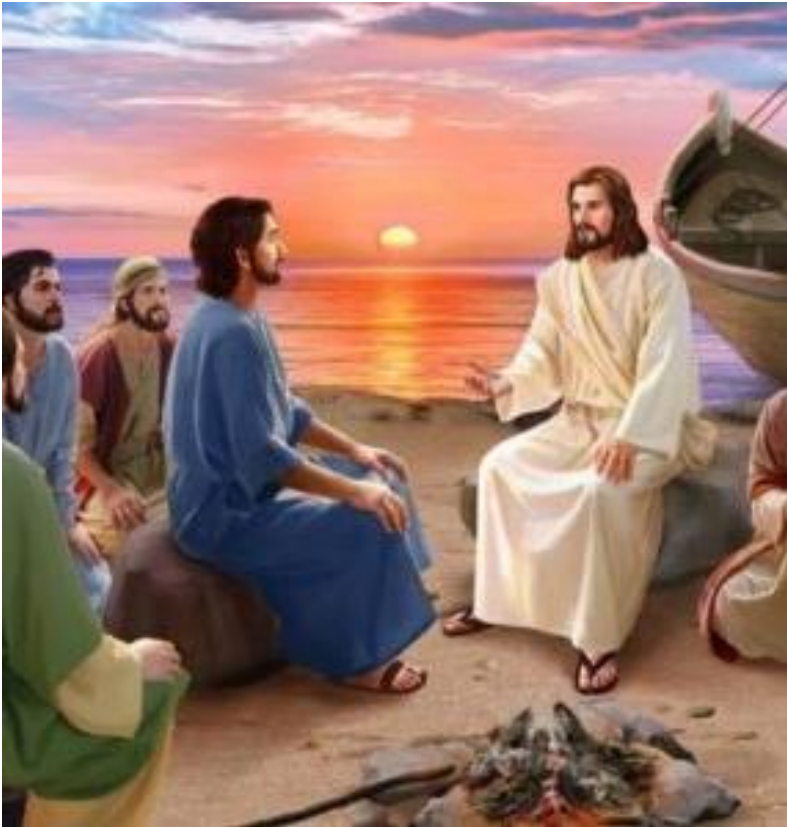


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

June 2, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost



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

Psalm of Glory

Dorothy Wells

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Albert L. Peace

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

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Alice Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

To test him, one of the Pharisees asked Jesus,

“Which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

“He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God

With all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

“This is the greatest and first commandment.

“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

“On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

“We love because God first loved us.”

(Matthew 22:34-40; 1 John 4:19)

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of all truth and justice, while the mystery of Your triune being is beyond our comprehending, Your will for us is not. You call us to a right relationship with You, to care for the world You created, and especially to love Your human creatures as You love us. We confess our sin, for we have failed to do Your will at any level. Your Son was the embodiment of what You call us to be. Forgive us and help us to change our thoughts, words and deeds so that we live Christ-like lives, and so fulfill Your commands. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope...For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him great power to redeem.” *(Psalm 130:5,7)*

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

Almighty God, we hold the mystery of Christ as a treasure in an earthenware cup. Grant the Spirit of Truth to shine through us, so that all the world praises You in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-21, p. 162

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12, p. 180

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Haviland Choir

An Old Irish Blessing

Denes Agay

WB Music Corporation, CCL#2595933

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
The sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord cause his face to shine upon you
and give you peace.
May the road rise to meet you. . .

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:23-3:6, p. 36

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"How Love Acts"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.
We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.
God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.**

**We acknowledge God's care and control
in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.**

**There is no event from which God is absent
and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.**

**The Creator works in all things
toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.**

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Don Hustad

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

**Lord of all, we thank You for the wonder of Your sovereign
love. We present offerings from the material gifts You provide
for our well-being, and we lift our voices in praise for the
kingdom You are bringing through 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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

The Haviland Choir

Donald Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought:

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." (*Matthew 5:17*) In what way is Jesus the fulfilment of the law and the prophets?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Tricia Jackson

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Tim and Melissa Costa in reflection of D-Day 1944 – "Upon the 6th of June, remember them with pride. Men from many nations fighting together side by side. Let us never forget their bravery and sacrifice. We may have our freedom, but they paid the price. By John F. Connor". *Bulletin donors are needed for June 9, 16, July 7, 28, August 4, 11, and 18. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.*

Flowers have been given by Margaret Winch in honor of Mary's Birthday.

The city-wide **Vacation Bible School** is a POOL PARTY at CENTENNIAL PARK this coming WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th, starting at 5:45 PM. **Discover God's Word** and **Make a Splash of Faith** while eating, crafting, playing games, hearing Bible stories, and splashing in Centennial Pool. All children must be checked in at the registration table. Children under 7 must have a parent present the entire time.

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.

Monday, June 3

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

7:00 Board of Deacons (L)

Tuesday, June 4

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

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

Wednesday, June 5

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*

Thursday, June 6

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

6:00 Christian Education (L) / Mission I & S (P)

7:00 Devotions in the Sanctuary

7:15 Property (L) / Worship, Music, Arts (P)

Friday, June 7 – Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 8

1:00 Graduation Party for Zach Gillis (FH)

Vision Statement

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

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