

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

June 16, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio  
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our website, [www.fpcsalem.org](http://www.fpcsalem.org).

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

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Alice Jordan*

*Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*

*Dale Wood*

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

### PRELUDE

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

*Don Hustad*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**To sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

To declare your steadfast love in the morning..."

*(Psalm 92:1-2a)*

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 467

*How Great Thou Art*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, Your Son, Jesus Christ taught us to call You "our Father, Who art in heaven." We confess that we have not acted like Your children, nor have we treated others like brothers and sisters in Christ. We have disobeyed Your commands and wasted Your gifts, like the Prodigal Son. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. By the Holy Spirit, grant us a new birth, a re-creation, a fresh start so that we live, not to ourselves, but to the glory of Your name,**

**through Jesus Christ our Elder Brother and Savior. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“[God] does not deal with us according to our sins,

**Nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him...**

As a father has compassion for his children,

**So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.”**

*(Psalm 103:10-11a; 13)*

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

**God of life, You make all things new by the power of the Spirit  
of life. Plant the Word in our hearts and minds and bodies so  
that our souls are refreshed for service in the name of Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 17:22-24, p. 784*

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21, p. 181*

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
(in the Setting of J.S. Bach's *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*)

*Jan Cox, Piano*  
*Arr. Cindy Berry*

THE GOSPEL READING

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

*Mark 4:26-43, p. 38*

SERMON

*"Making You New"*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 469

*Morning Has Broken*

\*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

*I Know My Redeemer Liveth from The Messiah*

*Handel/Janet Linker*

*Loose Cash Offering today will go to the Board of Deacons.*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**God of peace, Ruler of all creation, we thank You for every blessing of life You give to us, and every sign of Your love. We present these offerings as expressions of our gratitude, and as our contribution to the work of the church. We give to the glory of Your name in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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...**

You gave us a vision of your holy kingdom  
that we might hunger after righteousness  
and thirst for justice,  
and long for the day when peace will triumph  
over the pride and greed of nations.

Therefore, we praise you,  
joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne  
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come 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*)

**Gracious God: we have recognized our living Lord in the breaking of bread. Help us to see him and serve him in all whose lives are broken, and to make of our own lives a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 553 (*Tune 544*)

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

\*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

*March in D*

*W. Rébikof*

\*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

What storms would you like God to silence in your life?

What does the peace of Christ look like?

**A Father's Day Treat from the Congregational Care Committee:**

All men worshiping with us today are invited to take home and enjoy a delicious cookie in celebration of Father's Day. A big "Thank You" to Gen and Judson Smith of the Brimfield Bread Oven for preparing this delicious treat!

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Rev. Trina Lewis

**Acolyte:** Mark Smith

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously in support of our Pastor Search Committee for their hard, diligent work in searching for the minister God has chosen for us. Donors are needed for September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 27, November 3, 17, 24, December 1, 22. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

**Flowers** have been given by Paul and Barb Fennema in memory of Joseph Edward Woods and Ruurd Gabes Fennema; by Ruth Varkonda in memory of loved ones, and anonymously in honor of Father's Day.

**Denise's Big Back Yard** short organizational meeting will be held today in the Library 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, by June 30.

**Vision Statement**

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



First Presbyterian Church of Salem  
Cordially Invites You and Your Family to

## **Denise's Big Back Yard**

Dates are July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7  
Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship  
at our Church's Big Back Yard!

We'll have picnic food, music, games to play,  
and a weekly program to enjoy.

If it rains, we will move our event inside  
to our Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!

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The Salem Summer Concert Committee is excited to share the bands scheduled to perform during June, July, and August 2024 at the Orashan Memorial Civic Center in our beautiful Waterworth Memorial Park. All concerts are free with concert goers encouraged to bring your lawn chairs.

Sunday, June 16, 6 p.m. The Chardon Polka Band, a modern polka band for a new generation.

Sunday, June 23, 6 p.m. 2nd Avenue Project, classy jazz, soul, Latin, and light rock.

Sunday, June 30, 6 p.m. Salem Quaker City Band, “An American Celebration.”

Sunday, July 14, 6 p.m. Cin City & The Saints, classic rock, Motown, oldies.

Sunday, July 21, 6 p.m. The Ovation Band, music from the 1940s to today’s pop and dance favorites.

Friday, July 26, 7 p.m. Salem Quaker City Band, “Dance!”

Sunday, July 28, 6 p.m. The Kings Brass, touring brass band performing Christian & patriotic music. *Performance is at the Salem High School Auditorium.*

Sunday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m. John Hampu Band, classic rock from the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

Sunday, Aug. 11, 6 p.m. Salem High School Alumni Night with Jimmy and the Soul Blazers, a high energy show of Motown music and “Cars of the Decades” display.

Sunday, Aug. 18, 6 p.m. Four Kings & A Queen, blues, Motown, jazz, and classic rock group from Geneva.

Sunday, Aug. 25, 6 p.m. Fleetwood Gold, Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band and “Mahoning Valley Corvette Club” Showcase.

Sunday, June 16

**Denise's Big Back Yard short Organizational Meeting** *after worship*  
(Library)

Monday, June 17

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

Tuesday, June 18

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

Wednesday, June 19

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

Thursday, June 20

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

**7:00 Regular Session Meeting** (Library and Hybrid)

Friday, June 21 – **Church Office Closed**

Sunday, June 23

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

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

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