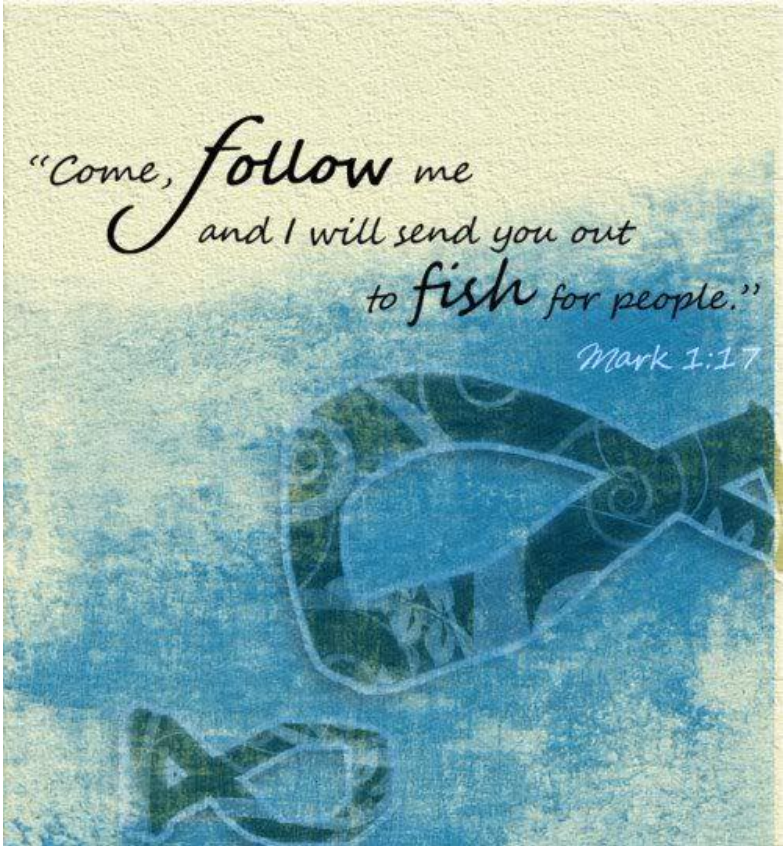


First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

January 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday after Epiphany



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](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Cortège*  
*Pastorale*

*Dale Wood*  
*A. Corelli*

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

### PRELUDE

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

*Gustav Holst/John Barr*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 62:5-6*)

“For the Lord alone my soul waits in silence,

**For my hope is from him.**

He alone is my rock and salvation,

**My fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN 388

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

**God the Creator and Ruler of all nations, You formed us from the dust of the ground and spread us over the face of the earth. You made us in Your image and likeness to care for all on the planet that You love and called “very good.” We confess that we have reneged on promises we made to keep covenant with You to do only Your will, to walk humbly with You by doing kindness, justice, and love. We want mercy for ourselves, but**

**we are callous towards others. We know that we do not deserve Your forgiveness. And yet You call us to repent, to turn again to You, to seek Your face and Your holy rule. Judge us according to the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be reformed in Christ's image so that we follow Him as faithful disciples. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love to you, O Lord.”

*(Psalm 62:11a-b)*

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)*

**Jesus summoned disciples. He announced good news, the presence of God's Kingdom. Send the Holy Spirit to us so that we respond faithfully to the gospel. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah

began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

<sup>29</sup> I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*The Haviland Choir*

*Sinner Saved by Grace*     *W. Gaither, G. Gaither, M. Humphries*

*Arranged by Mary McDonald*

*Meena Weingart, Soloist*

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If you could see what I once was, you could go with me,  
back to where I started from, then I know you would see  
a miracle of love that took me in its sweet embrace,  
and made me what I am today: a sinner saved by grace.  
I'm just a sinner saved by grace.

When I stood condemned to death, He took my place.  
Now I live and breathe in freedom  
with each breath of life I take.  
Loved and forgiven, back with the living,  
I'm just a sinner saved by grace.

How could I boast of anything I've ever seen or done?  
How could I dare to claim as mine the victories God has won?  
Where would I be had God not brought me  
gently to this place?  
I'm here to say I'm nothing but a sinner saved by grace.  
I'm just a sinner saved by grace.

When I stood condemned to death, He took my place.  
Now I live and breathe in freedom  
with each breath of life I take  
Loved and forgiven, back with the living,  
I'm just a sinner saved by grace.  
I'm just a sinner saved by grace. God's grace!

#### THE GOSPEL READING

*Mark 1:14-20*

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

SERMON

*“When Judgement Means Hope”*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 391

*Take My Life*

\*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

*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

*Dale Wood*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**O God, we live by Your providence care. We find comfort in Your loving embrace. We have hope because You came in the Son, and the Holy Spirit abides with us. And so, we dedicate our offerings in thanksgiving. Guide and bless them to the service of the gospel, the coming of the Kingdom in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD’S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 392

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 2130, The Summons*)

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

*Henry Purcell*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Question for thought:**

Both the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed say that Jesus Christ will come "to judge the living and the dead" (pages 14 and 15 in the front of The Presbyterian Hymnal).

What does this mean to you?

**Liturgist:** Mike Newman

**Acolyte/Light-Bearer:** Tyson Jackson

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously in appreciation of Phyllis for ALL she does.

**Flowers** have been given in honor of Roselyn Stephens' Birthday, and anonymously in appreciation of Phyllis for ALL she does.

**The Environmental Team** will meet today in the library following worship.

## **Soup to Go – Next Sunday – Chicken Noodle**

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.

## **Committee Night – Thursday, February 1**

6:00 – Christian Education (Library)

6:00 – Mission Interpretation and Stewardship (Parlor)

7:00 – Devotions (Sanctuary)

7:15 – Property and Maintenance (Library)

7:15 – Worship, Music, and the Arts (Parlor)

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be convened on Sunday, February 4 immediately after morning worship for the purposes of receiving reports and electing officers.

## **Daytimers – Wednesday, February 7**

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring covered dish to share.

Program – Looking Forward to Spring with Abby Prieur from “Pheasants Forever”.

## **Coming Soon: 2024 Directory**

To update our membership directory (no pictures) and to enhance communications, please let the Church Office know if you no longer have a landline phone and are using a cell phone number.

**Per Capita Apportionment for 2024** is \$32.50 for each Active Member, paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God’s call in their lives. The Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2024 for First Presbyterian Church of Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2022.



**HELP!** Salem Mobile Meals really needs drivers. If you can help in any way, please call 330-332-2160. ~ *Geoff Goll, President*

Sunday, January 21

**11:30 Environmental Team** (Library)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, January 22

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)  
6:00 Troop 3 and Troop 3G Court of Honor (FH)

Wednesday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 27

Making Soup to Go (K)

Sunday, January 28

9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)  
9:00 Adult Church School (L)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Service of Worship – *Brass and Timpani*  
**Soup to Go** – *Chicken Noodle*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Pinewood Derby (FH)

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