

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

September 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We should be rich
in good deeds,
generous and
willing to share.
That's when we
store up treasure in
heaven and take
hold of life that is
truly life.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

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.fpcsaalem.org.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Nancy McNeal, Organist / Brass
O Teacher, Master of the Skill: Tallis' Canon (Organ)
Anna Laura Page
Rigaudon (Organ) André Campra/arr. by Virgil Fox
"Hornpipe" from Water Music (Brass and Timpani) G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, the Spirit of God created humanity to love one another.

God's love is from everlasting to everlasting.

The love of Christ is the key to eternal life.

In the community created by the Holy Spirit,

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Eternal God, Your wisdom is the foundation of all goodness. We confess how awkwardly we handle the holy things You entrust to our care. We treat Your commandments like oppressive chains; we treat other people as if they were made for our use; and, we treat the earth as if it was ours to use, abuse and discard. In Your mercy, forgive us. Change us into people who live in accordance with Your will. Help us to love with Christ's love, to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to live the hope guaranteed by the coming of Your Kingdom. We pray by the grace of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.” (*Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17*)

Believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

***THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)**

Wisdom danced with You at the creation. Moses and the prophets heard Your voice and spoke Your truth. Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Word incarnate. Give us the wisdom to listen, the faith to trust, and the courage to obey what the Spirit says this day. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

⁶Jeremiah said, “The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ” ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rondeau (Brass and Timpani)

J. J. Mouret

THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

The Good Fight of Faith

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good

fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

He Leadeth Me

The Haviland Choir, Organ, and Brass

Bradbury, arr. by Earlene Rentz

Alliance Music Publications, CCL#2595933

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, wheree'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
and never murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot may be,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand, His mighty hand,
For by His hand my God leadeth me. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may

warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Futures Market”

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(“A New Creed,” The United Church of Canada, 1968)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Mickey Buck

MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

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*)

You entrust the earth to our care, O God, and from it You provide for our physical lives. You also give us saving knowledge of Christ the Lord. We present these offerings of thanksgiving. Guide them and us so that we bear witness to the Kingdom You are bringing through Christ Jesus. 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 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Unison, Hymn 535*)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.

*POSTLUDE

Organ, Brass and Timpani

The Heavens Are Telling – Psalm 18

Benedetto Marcello

*Please stand if you are able.

Today's Appearance of the Brass Instrumentalists is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund, and by a special gift from Geoff and Kim Goll.

Instrumentalists: Susan Sexton, John Veneskey, Trumpets; James Scanga, Horn; Jonathan Willis, Trombone; Benjamin Ammon, Tuba; Robert Barnett, Timpani

Questions for Thought:

1. What today would be a symbol of hope like Jeremiah buying a piece of property when his land was about to be conquered?
2. What is the relationship between caring for the neighbor and believing in eternal life by the grace of God?

Ushers: Archie and Nancy Crum, Wanda Navoyosky, Sandra Quinn

Liturgist: Barbara Yonker

Bulletins: Given by Marilyn Loudon in memory of Kay and Bruno Stanga's 100th Birthdays.

Open dates for Bulletins are October 2, 9, 23, 30, and November 20. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

Flowers: Given by Melvin and Jenny Wilms in memory of Marie and Harry Kelly; Given in honor of the 22nd Wedding Anniversary of Ross and Alice Jackson; and Given by Jim and Nancy McNeal in memory of Brenda Lipp.

Rev. Trina Lewis is delighted to call on shut-ins of First Presbyterian Church. Also, she will provide communion to those who desire it. If you or a loved one would like a visit, please let Trina know or call Phyllis at the church Office.

A Tai Chi Class is meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall led by Rev. Frank Lewis.

An Adult Sunday School Class led by Rev. Frank Lewis is meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Library using the book, "The Four Loves" by C.S. Lewis.

Daytimers returns on Wednesday, October 5

Come join us at 12 Noon for the return of Daytimers, a covered dish luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Cheryl McDevitt will present the program, "Make A Joyful Noise" using handbells, hand chimes, xylophone, and rhythm instruments. We will learn how to play a simple, familiar tune together. All are invited for fun, food, and fellowship!

Soup to Go – It's that time of year again! Days and nights will be cooler and soup will be a welcomed addition to our daily meals. We are scheduling "Soup Teams" for the coming months. If you have a great soup recipe and are interested in heading up a soup team, please call the Church Office and get on the soup calendar! Months taken already are October (Stuffed Pepper, Carol Ricciardi), November (Chicken Noodle, Brenda Bradley), and February (LOGOS Youth).

The Presbyterian Preschool has openings for the 2022-2023 school year and can work with you to determine your family's need for preschool/childcare. We have an early childhood degreed teacher, small classes, and flexible scheduling. We also participate in Step Up To Quality and Publicly Funded Child Care through ODJFS. OPENINGS for fall available. Enrollment packets can be picked up at the church. Call 330-332-8620 for details.

Sunday, September 25

5:00-8:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Carnival (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, September 26

9:00-2:00 Church Office Hours – Monday through Friday

10:30-11:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 28

10:30-11:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (S)

Sunday, October 2

9:15 Sunday School for Youth

9:15 Adult Sunday School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH, Board of Deacons)

10:30 Lord’s Day Worship (S) – *World Communion Sunday*

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, October 3

9:00-2:00 Church Office Hours – Monday through Friday

10:30-11:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Troop 2003G (209) / Troop 3 (Basement)

7:00 Board of Deacons (Library)

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