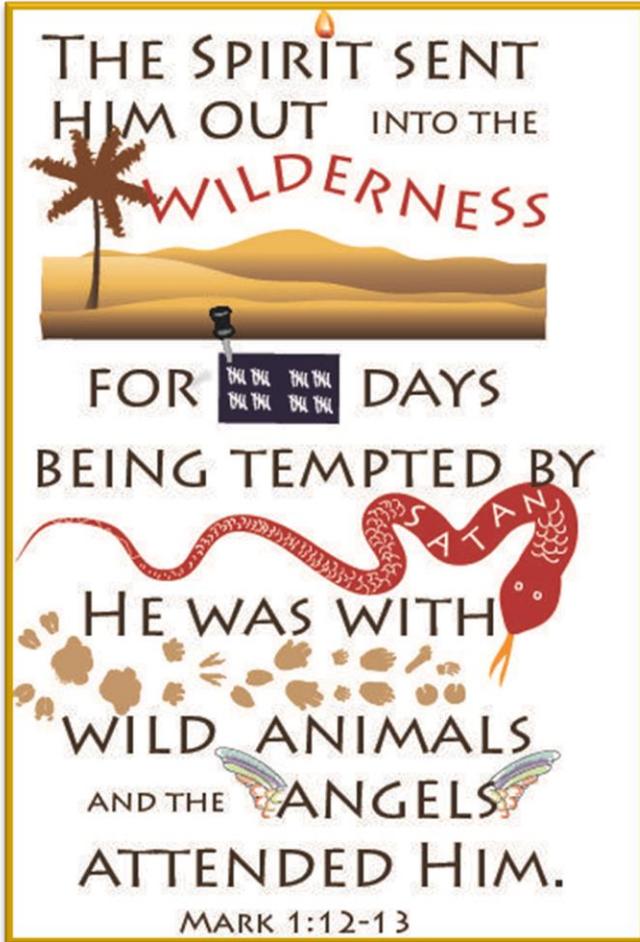


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

February 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio
You Tube: www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM; and
our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving *Johannes Brahms*
Chorale and Choral Prelude
Lenten Meditation *Albert Ketelbey*

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

PRELUDE

In Pastures Green *Alexander Schreiner*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 25:1-2a; 4-5b*)

"To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust...

Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

For you are the God of my salvation..."

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Eternal God, Holy Trinity, Your mercy is without measure and
Your compassion is the hallmark of Your love. From time out
of mind You have been faithful to the covenant of life You
made with Your creation. We confess our sins, for we have
broken the covenant, violating Your justice and the rights of**

those who share the world with us. We can dare to ask for forgiveness only because You come to us first, challenging us to turn again to You. Help us truly to repent, obey Your will and follow Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray in His name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.”
(Psalm 25:8-10a)

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)*

Almighty God, by the waters of baptism You give us a sign that You claim us. By the Holy Spirit, grant us the enlightening fire to understand and to act upon Your redeeming love, made known through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with

you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Carl Fischer Inc., CCL#2595933

God so loved the world, God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world thru Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life,
Everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life.
God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
God so loved the world.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 78 (*vss. 1, 2, 4*)

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; Colossians 1:15-20*)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis
in the life of humankind.**

**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and
present hope for women and men when the gospel
is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance,
and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

When Thou Art Near

J.S. Bach

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Blessed Trinity, You made the world full of life and all that is
needed to sustain life. You also journey with Your creation as
the Son and the Spirit, faithful to Your covenant to renew and
restore life. Use us and our offerings as instruments to fulfill
Your purposes. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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 543 (vss. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Abide with Me

*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

Presto from Organ Concerto No. 5

G.F. Handel

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

What is your Lenten discipline?

Liturgist: Ruth Newman

Acolyte/Light-Bearer: Tyson Jackson

Bulletins have been given anonymously in appreciation of Frank and Trina, true gifts from God, for leading us on our faith journey.

Flowers have been given to the Glory of God in memory of Walter and Wilda Bortz and Walter and Grace Bollinger by their children Robert and Sharon Bortz; by Jody Karmazin in memory of loved ones; and by Margaret Winch for the gift of Meriel Winch.

Easter Plant Orders taken on Sundays, February 18, 25, March 3

Tulips are \$10.00 (Red, Orange, Purple); Daffodils are \$10.00; and Lilies are \$13.00. Stop in Fellowship Hall today to place your order or call the Church Office during the week.

Church Office Hours – Friday, February 23

9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Environmental Team – Sunday, February 25

Immediately following morning worship in the Library.

Café Justo's great Organic Coffee is what we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$12.00 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.

Per Capita Apportionment for 2023 is \$32.50 per Active Member. Per Capita is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery for each member of the congregation. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

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

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

Monday, February 19

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Friday, February 23

9:00 – 12:00 Church Office Hours

Saturday, February 24

12:00-2:00 Baby Shower (FH) – *Jon & Megan Karmazin*

Sunday, February 25

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 & Timpani*

2:00-5:00 Birthday Party (FH) – *Tom & Gloria Shafer's grandson*

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, February 26

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (S) and 2003G (209)

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