

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

November 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Christ the King Sunday



Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,  
**You Tube:** [www.youtube](https://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM) / FPCSALEM; and  
our website, [www.fpcsalem.org](http://www.fpcsalem.org).

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Thine Is the Glory*

*G.F. Handel/Lani Smith*

*Te Deum Laudamus*

*Alöys Claussmann*

*Trumpet Tune from Suite (Brass/Timpani)*

*Henry Purcell*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

### PRELUDE

*March from Suite (Brass/Timpani)*

*Henry Purcell*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 2:1, 7, 11d*)

*"Why do the nations conspire,*

**And the peoples plot in vain? ...**

*I will tell of the decree of the LORD:*

**He said to me, 'You are my Son;**

**today I have begotten you...**

*Happy are all who take refuge in him."*

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 155

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

**Almighty God, Creator of the heavens, the earth and all that fills them, You form us into families and communities for mutual love and support. You raise up nations and sweep nations away. You call human leaders to shepherd Your people**

with justice, mercy, and wisdom according to Your will. We confess that the human family is a house divided. We are fragmented into separate camps and ideologies and 'isms,' instead of having the mind of Christ among us. Forgive us, O Lord. Reset our hearts. Restore our loyalty/faithfulness to our only Savior, Jesus Christ, to Whom we own total commitment. He gave His life to free us from sin and death; You raised Him triumphant over all principalities and powers in this and every age. Help us to submit to His gracious rule now and forever. We pray in His name. Amen.

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

"We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1b-2)

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*)

**Your Word, O God, reveals Your will and is the light that illuminates our darkness. Send the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds, to strengthen our spirits and to guide us as disciples of the Ruler of all. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.**

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC  
*Intrada from Suite*

*Brass/Timpani*  
*Henry Purcell*

THE SECOND READING

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every

name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*The Haviland Choir, Organ, Brass, Timpani*

*A Song of Thanksgiving*

*Allen Pote*

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Sing to the Lord, sing a song of thanksgiving.

Sing to the Lord, sing a song of praise.

For all good gifts that come from God,

sing to the Lord, sing a song of praise.

Bless the Lord, bless his holy name, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, bless his holy name, alleluia!

For God's great gifts of love and grace.

O sing to the Lord, bless his holy name,

sing to the Lord give thanks and sing a joyful song of praise!

With grateful hearts we come today to offer thanks and praise,

For countless blessings we receive, revealed in many ways.

For loving care that never ends, for wonders new and old.

For knowing God is always near to see our lives unfold.

For friends and family through the years,

for saints that we have known,

whose faith inspires and helps us know that we are not alone.

Our gratitude is far beyond what we can do or say,

for God is great and God is good,

our ever present strength and stay.

Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, a song of thanksgiving.

Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord a song of praise for all good gifts that come from God.

Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord a song, a song of praise!

## THE GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 2:1-12*

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

*"Jesus Christ is the Only Sovereign"*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 151

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison; The Apostles' Creed, Traditional*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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**

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*Don Hustad*

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

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Unison*)

**Holy One, all the treasures and wonders of creation are Yours.  
Thank you for showing Yourself to be the ultimate generous  
monarch. We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude  
from the livelihood You provide to us. May they and we be  
blessed to serve Your purposes, and may they add glory to Your  
name, Thou Triune God. 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*)

**We praise You, Almighty God, for this sacrament shared in the  
Spirit with Your Son and all the saints, a foretaste and  
vouchsafe of the heavenly banquet promised in Christ. As  
citizens of Your holy realm, lead us in this life to show Your love  
and to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.**

#### WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 142

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (*Unison; Hymn 535*)      *Go with Us, Lord*  
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, Timpani*  
*Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata 79*      *J.S. Bach*  
\*Please stand if you are able.

**Today's appearance of the Instrumentalists** is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.

**Instrumentalists:**

Terry Gale, Trumpet  
John Veneskey, Trumpet  
Rob Cole, Horn  
Jonathan Willis, Trombone  
Benjamin Ammon, Tuba  
Robert Barnett, Percussion

**Question for thought:**

Where and what ways do you see Jesus Christ ruling the world?

**Liturgist:** Rev. Trina Lewis

**Acolyte/Light-Bearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins:** Open Bulletin date is December 24. The cost is \$15.00.

**Flowers:** Given by Margaret Winch in honor of Elizabeth's birthday; and by Rose Marie Crookston in memory of her mother, Matilda 'Tillie' Crawford.

**Pastoral Care, Hospital and Nursing Home Visits:** 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.

**Order Red Poinsettias Today** in Fellowship Hall, through the Church Office during the week, or e-mail [phyllis@fpcsalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsalem.org) by this Thursday, November 30. The cost is \$10.00.

### **Blessings Jars**

In this season of Thanksgiving, the Congregational Care Committee would like the members of our church family to stop and think about just how Blessed we all are. Unfortunately, there are many in our community who are struggling. Our committee would like to do something to help them so we have decorated Blessings jars that you will find in the sanctuary. We would like you take a jar home with you and drop your pocket change in the jar each night or a couple of dollars each time you go to the bank or ATM. Return the jars to church on Sundays, December 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. The money will be donated to the Salem Community Pantry to help those who are in need. Please take this opportunity to show gratitude for your many blessings by sharing with others and showing God's love.

### **Christmas Angel Tags**

We are helping The Salvation Army by sponsoring 30 children in which children's genders, ages, needs, and Christmas wish lists are on tags on a table in Fellowship Hall. **Please sign the sheet with numbered tags listed.** Please purchase 1 outfit and 1 toy from the tag and return it to Fellowship Hall or the Church Office. Do not wrap gifts, but place in garbage bag or large shopping bag with the tag affixed to the outside. Do not include gift receipt. All gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 10.

### **Soup to Go – Next Sunday, December 3**

*Chili* by Paul Fennema, \$5 a quart. Please return jars and lids. Come join Paul this Saturday, December 2 at 9 a.m. to help make Chili.

### **Daytimers – Wednesday, December 6**

Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship at 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share. Program by Karen Dennison.

### **“A Journey to Joy” – Sunday, December 17 – 10:30 a.m.**

Take the journey to Christmas with this cantata by Joseph M. Martin that is filled with music of hope and promise. The prophecy and acclamation of Christ’s birth is wonderfully conveyed through treasured carols with scripture narration by the Haviland Choir, guest musicians and vocalists.

**The Christian Education Committee has responsibility for Coffee Hours and some Sunday Service-related efforts during the month of December.** We would like to enlist the help of the youth of the Church and their families. Please identify below any event your child and/or family are willing to help with and what date(s) you are available. Please leave a note in Judy Herron’s mailbox or call Bill Penfold, 330-831-2673.

### **December 3 – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20)**

Worship: Ushers / Offering

### **December 10 – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20)**

Worship: Liturgist / Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

### **December 17 – Worship:**

Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

### **December 24 – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20)**

Worship: Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

### **December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 p.m.:**

Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

### **December 31 – Worship: Liturgist / Ushers / Offering**

### Monday, November 27

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH) – *Not Meeting in December*

6:00 Scouts Troop 3 and 2003G (Scout Room/209)

### Wednesday, November 29

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH) – *Not Meeting in December*

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

### Friday, December 1

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours (Closed 12-4 p.m.)

### Saturday, December 2

9:00 Making Chili for Soup to Go (K)

### Sunday, December 3

9:00 Adult Church School (Library)

9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)

10:30 Service of Worship

11:30 **Soup to Go** – *Chili*

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

### Monday, December 4

11:30 Finish Making Moravian Stars (FH)

6:00 Scouts Troop 3 and 2003G (Scout Room/209)

**7:00 Board of Deacons** (L)

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