

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

May 8, 2022

10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter



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

O Lord Most Holy

My Heart Ever Faithful

Prelude in C major by J.S. Bach

Nancy McNeal, Organist

F. Abt

J.S. Bach

Alejandro Elias, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts,
raise your voices,
and join the heavenly host
who forever sing:

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

*HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Risen Lord, how often you come to us, and we do not recognize you. You come to us, O God, in friends and strangers who seek and offer kindness. You come to us in words that make sense of our lives and the world around us. You come to us in living, enduring promises that we have almost forgotten. You come to us, but our hearts are slow to see and honor you. Forgive us. Do not leave us, but stay with us, and awaken us to your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“If God is for us, who is against us? Nothing in all creation is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (*Romans 8:31, 39*).

Friends, hear the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

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

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC
Dream of Love

Alejandro Elias, piano
Franz Liszt

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:26-28; 4:1

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

¹ Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the LORD.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC
Impromptu Op. 90 No. 2

Alejandro Elias, piano
Franz Schubert

THE SECOND READING

Psalm 90:13-17

¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE THIRD READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

¹ The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our Gd; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

No Greater Gift

The Haviland Choir

Ruth E. Schram

Alfred Publishing Co., Inc., CCL#2595933

Though I speak the language of angels,
though I know all there is to know,

if I have no love, I am nothing at all.
There is no gift greater than love.

And though I understand every mystery,
and my faith could remove any mountain,
if I have no love, I am nothing at all.
There is no gift greater than love.

Love is kind and gentle, rejoicing in the truth.
Love is not proud. Love is not rude.
Love never fails, though all other gifts will cease.
Love hopes and endures, love bears and believes.

Though I give all I have to the hungry,
though I give my very life,
if I have no love, I am nothing at all.
There is no greater gift greater than love.

There is hope, there is faith; they will always remain.
But, there is no gift greater than love.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of

the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Beginning with Eve"

Rev. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 323

Loving Spirit

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

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)

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Zimbabwe Well Project

Mother's Day Treats

Mo Homeister

Carol Ricciardi

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd (Brother James Air)

Fred Bock

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Great God, to you we give our thanks. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope in our world. 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 555

Now Thank We All Our God

*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.

***POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our God

John Behnke

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Today's appearance by Alejandro Elias is underwritten
by a special gift from Geoff and Kim Goll.*

A Mother's Day Treat from the Congregational Care Committee:

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

Ushers: Lois Dunn, Bud and Judy Herron, Barb Yonker

Bulletins: Given in Honor of Brad Stephens' Birthday with Love from Cara, Tim, and Luke

Open dates are May 15, 22, June 12, 19, 26, July 17, 24, 31. Cost is \$15 a Sunday.

Flowers: Given by Paul and Barb Fennema in Memory of Norma Emily Jason Woods and Edna Mae Kent Fennema; and in Honor of Archie Crum's Birthday with Love from Nancy, Denise, and Marsha

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool will have an OPEN HOUSE tomorrow, May 9th, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool and Daycare for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children. Families may choose all day, half day programming. The Preschool staff is dedicated to maintaining a positive, nurturing environment promoting creativity, curiosity, and kindness. Our Preschool follows a Christian theme and participates in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" system. The classes are small, and students receive individual attention. We have an Early Childhood degreed teacher and experienced staff. Financial assistance is available through Job and Family Services for those qualifying. Children will develop skills needed for kindergarten readiness. (330-332-8620)

An Outside Workday will be held this Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. If you can, please bring a rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow (if you have) for spreading mulch on the church grounds.

A Violin Recital will be held this Saturday, May 14 from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Presbyterian Women will meet next Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the library. All women are welcome to attend this short meeting.

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. The deadline is June 30.

Salem Community Foundation's Ministerial Scholarship: In 2008, a Ministerial Scholarship fund was established to provide aid to assist persons who will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This program is extended to those who wish to enter the fields of the Ministry, Christian Education, Youth Ministry, or closely related field. The Ministerial Scholarship application and guidelines are now available on the Salem Community Foundation's website, www.salemcommunityfoundation.org, and by calling the foundation office at 330-332-4021. All applications must be received by Wednesday, June 1st for scholarships to be awarded for the following academic year.

Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church Camp

Dear Friends: Many adults in church say that their most profound spiritual experience happened at church camp. If we want to grow the church, one avenue to pursue is encouraging our children to attend Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church Camp. The positive values of being in a Christian community in the midst of God's wonderful creation are great. Summer 2022 Camp Schedule and Registration Form are at <http://www.beavercreekcamp.com/>.

Thank you, ~ *Stephen Cramer, President of the Board of Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church Camp*

Prayer Concerns

Pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee to search judiciously for our new pastor by discerning the will of God.

Bethany Barnes *(from Mike Newman)*

Carol Dougherty

Pat Eichler

Dawn Ellis *(Tracey Ellis' mother)*

Mark and Sandi Flake

Peggy Courtwright *(Dolly Millikin's niece)*

Carolyn Gorley *(Scott and Debbie Boyd's sister-in-law)*

Karen Hezlep *(Ryan Gillis' mother)*

Kathleen Walton Lemaster *(from Kathie Baker)*

Robert Fletcher Linsz *(from Mo Hofmeister)*

Cheyenne Marshall

Bill McCormick and son Todd

Clarence Reed *(Sue Skiba's father)*

Tom Shafer *(Gloria Shafer's husband)*

Carol Shaw *(Gloria Shafer's mother)*

John Stoffer

Sue Thomas *(Karen Dennison's friend)*

Teresa Turney *(Dolly Millikin's daughter)*

Jerry Wolford *(from Mike Newman)*

Those listed under Special Care and Military

Birthdays this Week

Archie Crum (8), Jody Karmazin (8),
Stephanie Field (11), Richard Lobdell (13),
Amanda Swinhart (13), Jim Newman (14)

Special Care

Brookdale Bowling Green – Barbara Marra, 121 N Wintergarden Rd, Bowling Green OH 43402

Brookdale Salem – Ruth Zerbs, 404; Harvey and Sally Mason, 305

Crandall Medical Center – Genevieve Benson, 139

Grace Woods – Shirley Devan

Lake Vista at Cortland – Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410

Shenango On the Green – Marty Hollinger, 238 S Market St #227, New Wilmington PA 16142-1212

Whispering Pines – Kay Rousseau, 315; Joetta Tonti, 127; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Military

Andre Tonkinson (*Son of Ed and Melissa Tonkinson*)

Cody Tonkinson (*Son of Ed and Melissa Tonkinson*)

Adam Pawlosky (*Son in Law of Jim and Ruth Newman*)

Zach Smith (*Nephew of Mickey Buck*)

Roger and Brandy Knizat (*Frank and Ellen Maticcik's grandson and wife, both in service*)

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

5:30-7:00 Preschool Open House (106)

6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement/Fellowship Hall)

6:00-8:00 Suzuki Strings (Sanctuary)

7:00 Congregational Care (Library)

Wednesday, May 11

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 12

5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (Library)

7:00 Finance and Administration *via Zoom*

Friday, May 13

5:30-7:30 Violin Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 14

9:00 Outside Workday at the Church

1:00-4:30 Violin Recital (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall/Library)

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