

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

October 20, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on  
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our website, [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

*“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Grand Chorus*

*Theodore Dubois*

*Morning Has Broken*

*Fred Bock*

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

### PRELUDE

*Andante Religioso*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

### ANTHEM

*Processional*

*Carillon Ringers*

*Margaret R. Tucker*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

Let us bless the Lord with our whole selves, hearts and souls.

**Let us bless the Lord with all that we are and have!**

For God is great! Our great redeemer, creator and King.

**What God builds will not be shaken or torn down.**

Together, let us worship God;

**Let us worship God with our whole selves!**

### \*HYMN 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us lay our brokenness, doubts and fears at the feet of Christ, trusting him to forgive us.

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

**Holy God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to serve**

**the lowest and the least. You washed the feet of your disciples, acting as a simple servant while showing loving care. God we struggle to follow in your footsteps, to do as you do and love as you love. Guide us to love as you love and care for everyone as you do. Strip away any prejudices or ideas in our minds that stop us from loving so we can love all of our neighbors. In this moment of silence hear our prayers. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**In Jesus Christ we are made a new creation.**

Like a new day, everything is fresh and new.

**And we are free from sin, ready to serve God.**

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

**God we thank you for the gift of your word; for its teaching, its guidance, and its reminders to us of who you are. As we hear your word today, let us open our hearts and ears to receive your word. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Joyful Dance*

*Carillon Ringers*

*Margaret R. Tucker*

THE FIRST READING

*Job 38:1-7; 34-41*

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup> "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup> "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>34</sup> "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? <sup>35</sup> Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? <sup>36</sup> Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?

<sup>37</sup> Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, <sup>38</sup> when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

<sup>39</sup> "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, <sup>40</sup> when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? <sup>41</sup> Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*O Word of God*

*The Haviland Choir*

*Arranged by Craig Courtney*

*Mike Newman, Trumpet*

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O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;  
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.  
O Word of God.

The church from You, our Savior, received the gift divine,

and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;  
it is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.  
O Word of God.

The Scripture is a banner, before God's host unfurled;  
it is a shining beacon above the darkening world.  
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide,  
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands,  
to you, O Christ, will guide.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations Your true light as of old.  
O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen.

#### THE GOSPEL READING

*Mark 10:35-45*

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son

of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*"How Do We Serve God?"*

*Rev. Annie Parker*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 367

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; A Declaration of Faith, 1985*)

**We acknowledge no other God.**

**We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.**

**We must not yield unconditional obedience  
to any other power.**

**We must not love anyone or anything  
more than we love God.**

**We praise and enjoy God.**

**To worship God is highest joy.**

**To serve God is perfect freedom.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Largo from 5<sup>th</sup> Violin Sonata*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Peace and Global Witness Offering envelopes  
are in the Pew Racks through October.*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**King of all creation, our creator and Lord, all that we are and all that we have is yours. You give to us generously, blessing us again and again. Now we give you these gifts, bless them and**

**multiply them and use them to bring your kindness and love to every corner of the 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 467

*How Great Thou Art*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*2162, Sing the Faith*)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by his grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.  
Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown he will provide.  
Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace alone.

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

POSTLUDE

*March*

*Robert Schumann*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Questions for thought:**

1. What does it mean to serve God?
2. Who is God calling you to serve?
3. Who in your community needs your help?

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Lynn Zocolo

**Lightbearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins** have been given by The Melvin and Virginia Wilms Family in memory of Lawrence Wilms.

**Flowers** have been given by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Barb's birthday and granddaughter Haley; by Georgia Loutzenhiser in memory of the Wedding Anniversary of George and Norma Lozier; and by Steve and Kathy Stewart in loving memory of Kathy's sister, Karen Wilson.

Our ***Peace and Global Witness Offering*** enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Envelopes are in the Pew Racks and at Sanctuary entrances through October. To date, we have received \$1,567. towards our goal of \$2,500. The Christina House will receive 25% share of this offering.

**SOCK-TOBER:** The Congregational Care Committee is asking church members to bring socks to church during the Sundays in October. Any kind of socks are welcome. Baskets for your donations are at Sanctuary entrances and in Fellowship Hall.

### **Christmas Sale Today in Fellowship Hall**

Christmas items remaining from our April garage sale may be purchased at half price. Items will be displayed until 12 noon. Proceeds will be added to the Middle/High School LOGOS account for their service and fellowship activities.

### **Installation Service for Rev. Annie Parker – Sunday, October 27**

You are encouraged to attend at 4:00 p.m. and to wear red to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit as we participate in this important function of the presbytery. An offering will be collected



for the Installation offering Fund of Eastminster Presbytery, which provides support to newly ordained and installed pastors in our presbytery. A Potluck Dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall following the Installation Service. Everyone is invited to prepare their favorite Potluck dish and bring to the kitchen before the service.

### **Preschool Trunk or Treat – Tuesday, October 29**

Halloween is just around the corner and all the fun associated with it. Of course, that means Halloween. Last year many members of our congregation opened their hearts, trunks, and bags of treats for the children of our Presbyterian Preschool with a Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. Who had the most fun – the children and their families or our church members? It's hard to say. Since it was so much fun, let's do it again! This year's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 29. You are invited to use your imagination to decorate the trunk of your car and bring a bag of treats to pass out to the children. Please have your car in place in the church parking lot by 5:15. The children will meet by the Preschool door and begin visiting your cars by 5:30.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is part of a large and dedicated community of disaster response organizations assisting with needs and resources from Hurricane Helene. In these difficult times, we are called to respond through generosity, action and prayer – continually standing in the “gap” to uplift our neighbors and offer hope in their journey toward recovery. Make checks payable to the church and mark ‘Hurricane Helene’ on the memo line. Please continue to pray for survivors, those who have experienced loss of loved ones, and responders.

**Frank Lewis started a new Tai Chi class**, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The class is free and open to all, especially beginners. It focuses on balance and fall prevention.

## **Update on Recycling Contamination**

Recently, there has been great concern about the contamination in our recycling bin and the bins in the city next to the police station. Stories have been circulating that all the recycling in Salem was going straight to the landfills. This was upsetting to many of us. So, to get the correct information about this, I talked with Tony at CCH in an attempt to get to the bottom of these concerns. This is what he told me. Kimble takes everything from their recycling bins to a transfer facility in Carrollton. It stays there until there is enough to fill a truck that then, takes everything to the Twinsburg sorting facility. There the contamination is taken out and the recycling is sorted. Ohio Valley uses the Westpoint transfer facility and then everything is taken to their own sorting facility. I didn't get the name of where that is. Please share this information and continue to place only correct items in the recycling bins.

**Troop 3 B** is having a recruiting drive seeking adult leaders and young persons, ages 11-18. Qualifications: adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, a love of adventure, learning and teamwork. Perks: a world-class team, adventure, and learning amazing things. For more information, see Mark Smith or Frank Lewis.

**Preschool Supplies Needed** – Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Facial Tissues, Markers, Fruit and Vegetable Cups, Granola and Cereal Bars. The Preschool will appreciate it very much if anyone can donate any of these items.

## **Vision Statement**

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ  
with our community and the world.*

Sunday, October 20

**Christmas Sale in Fellowship Hall till Noon**

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Monday, October 21

10:00-11:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

4:30-7:00 Piano in Use (S)

6:30 Troops 3 and 2003G (B / 209)

Wednesday, October 23

10:00-11:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

6:30-8:30 Piano in Use (C)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Friday, October 25

Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 27

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library) / Confirmation (209)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)

10:30 Service of Worship

**4:00 Installation Service for Rev. Annie Parker, followed by  
Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall**

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

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