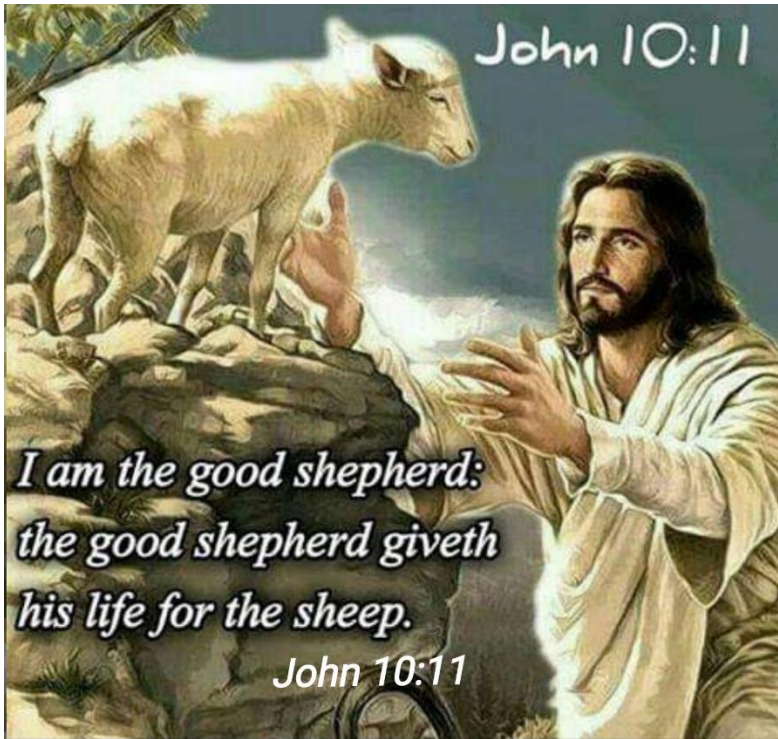


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Kirkin' O' the Tartans

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

"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Today we recognize our Reformed heritage with a service that celebrates the Scottish roots of Presbyterians called, "The Kirkin' O' the Tartans." Introduced to the United States by the Rev. Peter Marshall (once Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia), this is first and foremost a service of worship to Almighty God, reminding Scots of their heritage, and to celebrate our connection to one another in Jesus Christ the Lord. In Scotland, the Kirk is the church. Today we are asking God's blessing on those gathered here today!

BAGPIPES

PRELUDE

Built on a Rock on tune "Kirken"

Gilbert Martin

Morning Has Broken

Gilbert Martin

(Gaelic Hymn Tune "Bunessan")

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Dale Wood

(Scottish Tune "Chandler")

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

PROCESSION OF THE BIBLE

Scotland the Brave (Bagpipes)

In Scottish Reformation practice, the elders appointed a lay reader or "Beadle" to read from the Scriptures for the edification of the congregation as they entered worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary,

To seek our unity in the Spirit,

To seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To seek the peace of God the Father.

God's people have gathered.

Let us worship God together."

(from The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland)*

*HYMN 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Celtic Invocations**)*

God be with us

On this Thy day, Amen.

To us and with us,

On this Thy day, Amen.

It is clear to be seen of us,

Since we came into the world,

That we have deserved Thy wrath, Amen.

O Thine own wrath,

Thou God of all, Amen.

Grant us forgiveness, Amen.

Grant us forgiveness, Amen.

Grant us Thine own forgiveness,

Thou merciful God of all. Amen.

Anything that is evil to us,

Or that may witness against us

Where we shall longest be,

Illumine it to us,

Obscure it to us,

Banish it from us,

Root it out of our hearts,

Ever, evermore, everlastingly,

Ever, evermore, everlastingly. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God...”

“You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture and I am your God, says the Lord God.” (*Ezekiel 34:23*)

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 (*from Celtic Invocations***)

**God guide me with Thy wisdom,
God chastise me with Thy justice,
God help me with Thy mercy,
God protect me with Thy strength.**

God fill me with Thy fullness,
God shield me with Thy shade,
God fill me with Thy grace,
For the sake of Thine Anointed Son.

**Jesu Christ of the seed of David,
Visiting one of the Temple,
Sacrificial Lamb of the Garden,
Who died for me. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

We're No Awa' Tae Bide Awa'

Kim Meek, Bagpipes

THE FIRST READING

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

Still I Sing Alleluia

Loch Lomond

Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCL#2595933

Jan Cox, Piano

With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind,
with Spirit below and beside me;
with Spirit all around, even where affliction’s found,
I will sing, I will sound, “Alleluia.”

When darkness descends and the night never ends,
when my shadows and demons surround me;
when questions I spin echo answerless within,
even then, even then, Alleluia, Still I sing Alleluia,

Open us to You 'til we sing Alleluia.
Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;
hear all prayers that we offer to you, Lord;
breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,
that our lips may confess, Alleluia, still I sing Alleluia,
open us to You, 'til we sing Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

So praise, praise the Father, and praise, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit who moves in and through all.
All creation sound the word so profound;
let us sing, let us live, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Still I sing Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"This Is Love"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 170

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of [persons] chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

*(from The Scots Confession, 1560***)*

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Large Item Recycling
Pentecost Offering

Environmental Team
Mark Smith

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Ash Grove (Welsh Melody)

David Lowe

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

God the Creator beyond the heavens, God the Son born on the earth, God ever present as wind and fire, You are the One Triune God. We present offerings from Your provident care, returning thanks for immeasurable love. From Your creation, receive our offering; for the Son's glory, strengthen our service; by the Holy Spirit, we would praise You forever, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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 469

Morning Has Broken

*KIRKIN' ROLL CALL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (2166, *Sing the Faith*)

**Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me – King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me – never to part.**

*Bagpipes play one verse of "Amazing Grace"
as an introduction at the front of the church.*

*Congregation and choir sing verse one,
as pipes walk to back of church.*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

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

POSTLUDE

Jubilation

Douglas Wagner

*Please stand if you are able.

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Question for thought:

How do you show the world that you are a child of God, that is, that Jesus Christ is your elder brother and the Good Shepherd?

Musicians: Kim Meek, Bagpipes; Allison Miller (Harp); *Today's appearance is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.*

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Mark Smith

Acolyte/Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Tim and Melissa Costa in loving memory of Nick and Georgiana Costa. "Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear."

Flowers have been given by Ellen Maticcik in memory of Frank's Birthday, April 22.

The Rosebud on the Communion Table is in honor of Finn Michael Karmazin born April 10 to Jon and Megan Karmazin. Proud grandparent is Jody Karmazin.

Geraniums for Pentecost – Plants are \$5 for a 4” pot. Order today in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office this week, 330-337-9555, or e-mail phyllis@fpcsaalem.org. Plants not taken by donors will be planted on church grounds.

Presbyterian Book Sale Today

We will display donated garage sale books on tables in Fellowship Hall, before and after church, for you to browse through and purchase for a nominal fee. Leftover books will be donated to the Salem Public Library book sale.

Café Justo’s great Organic Coffee is what we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$12 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.

ANNUAL CHURCH



New Times for the Garage Sale!

Because of your many generous donations, we have added a day to our Garage Sale Benefitting LOGOS and Sunday School Mission. Please also note the new time for church members to purchase items prior to the public sale.

Thursday, April 25, 1:00 – 3:00 pm Church members' Preview Sale

Friday, April 26, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Sale open to the public

Saturday, April 27, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm Sale open to the public

Sunday, April 28, Before and after church until 12:30 – Church members' Sale

**TODAY: Sunday, April 21, is the last day to bring in donations.
We have run out of room!**

We are looking for volunteers to help at the sale on Friday and Saturday. We need help monitoring the sale, checking out customers, packing up purchases etc. (Pricing, sorting, setting up, and hauling will hopefully be completed.) If you can help in any way on Friday and Saturday, April 26 -27, please contact Grace Smith (330-429-3190), Judy Herron (330-692-7929), Melissa Tonkinson (330-853-1955), or Barb Loudon (330-277-1571) immediately!

Thank you for your donations and your help!

Used Eclipse Glasses

I have just read that our recently used eclipse glasses can be sent to Eclipse Glasses USA to be used again. They will redistribute the glasses to children in various countries around the world so they can experience eclipses without risking their eyesight. Please save your undamaged and in good condition eclipse glasses and bring them to church. I will have a box on the stage in the Fellowship Hall where they can be placed. And please, spread the word to others. Let's see how many we can share. ~ *Carol Ricciardi*

New Church School Class Possibility

Our Session's Christian Education Committee is discussing the possibility of adding a Sunday morning church school class for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Graders. Rather than survey the whole congregation, we would appreciate your sharing names of your children, grandchildren, or possible other children who might be interested in such a class. This class would be a time of learning about Jesus by reading stories, singing songs, and participating in other activities as their first introduction to church and God's love. Please put names or contact information in the offering plate or the Church Office mailbox as soon as possible. Thanks! ~ *Judy Herron, Moderator of CE Committee*

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.

Sunday, April 21

Presbyterian Book Sale (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, April 22

6:30 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)

Wednesday, April 24

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, April 25

1:00-3:00 Church Members' Preview Sale (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 26

8:00-4:00 Sale open to the public (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 27

7:00-3:00 Sale open to the public (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 28

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

10:00 Coffee Hour

10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

6:00 Pack 3 Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)

Monday, April 29

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:30 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

12:00 Daytimers (FH)

6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*

6:15 Carillon Ringers (last till fall)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, May 2

6:00 Christian Education Committee (Library)

6:00 Mission I and S Committee (Parlor)

7:00 Devotions in the Sanctuary

7:15 Property and Maintenance Committee (Library)

7:15 Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee (Parlor)

Saturday, May 4

9:00 Outside Workday at the Church

Sunday, May 5 – Earth Sunday

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

10:00 Coffee Hour

10:30 Service of Worship

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Vision Statement

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

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