

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

January 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday after Epiphany



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

What Star Is This?

Franklin Ritter

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Michael Burkhardt

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

PRELUDE

*All Beautiful the March of Days
Hymntune (Forest Green)*

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 139:1-2, 6*)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You discern my thoughts from far away...

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me..."

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**God Most High, Your transcending glory is beyond all knowing.
And yet You choose to reveal Yourself. Sometimes we glimpse
and sense You through the wonder of the created universe or
the mystery of human relationships. In the fulness of time, You
came to us in Jesus of Nazareth, who is the Christ—Emmanuel,
God with us. We confess that we have not responded to You**

with our whole heart and mind and soul and strength. Sometimes we act as if You are a stranger. Merciful God, by the Holy Spirit, lead us to full repentance. May Your Word so fill us that we become one with Your Son so that we live in complete accord with Your will, through Christ our Savior, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“(I)f I make my bed in Shē’ōl, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle in the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.” *(Psalm 139:8b-10)*

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)*

Whether through the still, small voice, the rush of the Spirit’s wind or seeing Christ, the Word made flesh, grant that we may know You, O God; and, knowing, serve You as faithful disciples. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

Carillon Ringers

Sandra Eithun

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that

whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

One King

The Haviland Choir

Robert Sterling

Word Music, CCL#2595933

King of earth on a course unknown, bearing gifts from afar,
hoping, praying, following yonder star.
Silhouette of a caravan painted against the sky;
wise men searching for the holy Child.

One king held the frankincense, one king held the myrrh.
One king held the purest gold,
one King held the hope of the world.

A star hangs over Bethlehem, a journey ends in the night.
Three kings trembling, behold the glorious sight.
Heaven's treasure, Emmanuel, drawing men to bow down,
Tiny Baby, born to wear a crown.

One king held the frankincense, one king held the myrrh.
One king held the purest gold,
one King held the hope of the world.

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas day
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

O tiny Baby, O tiny Baby, born to wear a crown.

One king held the frankincense, one king held the myrrh.
One king held the purest gold,
one King held the hope of the world.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: *"Connecting with God"* *Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 333

Seek Ye First

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

The Holy Spirit equips the Christian community. The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit. The gifts were given for the common good to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. No gift is of value without love.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation

Nova Eichler and Tom Shafer are being presented for ordination to the office of Elder. They and Ruling Elders Paul Fennema are presented for installation to active service on the Session.

Deacon Sandy Herman is being presented for ordination to the office of Deacon. She and Deacons Kathie Baker, Susan Merry, Grace Smith, and Gail Tetlow are presented for installation to active service on the Board of Deacons.

Constitutional Questions

Questions of the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these persons as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

The members of Session are invited to come forward to participate in the act of ordination.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

To God Be the Glory

Don Hustad

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

From the beginning, You have given of Yourself to us, O God. You provide the nourishing earth, covenants with Your people, prophets calling us to justice, righteousness and peace, and most perfectly in Christ Jesus. Your Son. We present ourselves with our offerings as grateful witnesses dedicated to loving and serving You in Christ's name. Amen.

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

*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

Caroling, Caroling

Diane Bish

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought:

What can you do to become better aware that God dwells in you?

Liturgist: Sharon Bortz

Acolyte/Light-Bearer: Tegan Jackson

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Goldie Burrier in memory of loved ones (1 vase).

Bulletin Donors are needed for 2024. Standing Orders have been placed on the calendar. Open dates are January 21, 28, February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 17, 24, April 28. Cost is \$15 a Sunday.

Chancel Flower Donors are needed for 2024. Standing Orders have been placed on the calendar. Open dates are January 21 (1 vase), January 28 (1 vase), February 11 (1 vase), February 18 (1 vase), March 10 (1 vase), March 17 (2 vases), April 28 (1 vase). Cost is \$10 a vase.

Per Capita Apportionment for 2024 is \$32.50 for each Active Member, paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. The Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2024 for First Presbyterian Church of Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2022.

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

Sunday, January 14

- 3:00 Sandy Beaver Chapter of Order of Arrow Sipp-o Lodge (FH)
- 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, January 15

- 5:00 Congregational Care Committee (L)**

Wednesday, January 17

- 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
- 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
- 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, January 18

- 7:00 Regular Session Meeting (L and Hybrid)**

Friday, January 20

- 10:00-4:00 United Quilt Guild Workshop (FH)

Sunday, January 21

- 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
- 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

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