

zFirst Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

July 31, 2022

10:30 a.m.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Parable of the
Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21



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

Te Deum Laudamus
Procession
Scherzo in D Minor

Nancy McNeal, Organist

Alöys Clausmann

Dale Wood

Cornelius Gurlitt

Ethan Shafer - piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

“See what love God has for us, that we should be called God’s children;

And that is what we are.”

“When Christ who is our glory is revealed

Then we also will be revealed with him in glory.”

Therefore, let us follow the Holy Spirit and worship God.

*HYMN 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, out of Your love You created the world as a dwelling place where all could live in peace and plenty. In the ancient days You called a people to be a blessing to all nations. In the fulness of time, You sent the Son to break the bonds of sin that bound Your creation. We confess that we have so often failed to be a blessing. We have held onto the shackles of sin as if they were precious treasures like rings and bracelets and necklaces of silver, gold and precious stones. Not only do our sins weigh us down; we harm others and we turn from Your love. Forgive us, Lord. Free us from our sin; renew our hearts and remind us that Christ is our fortune now and always. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Colossians 3:4*)

We have peace and wholeness through the
grace of God found in Christ the Lord.

Friends, hear the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

*THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Holy Three in One, grant us the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Silence the fears that distract us, the worries that distress us
and the thoughts that divert us from hearing Your word.**

**Help us to shape our lives into the character of Christ's
faithful disciples. We pray in his name. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1-11

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶ The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling

from the west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Galop

Dimitri Kabalevsky

Knox Tonkinson – piano

Melody

Robert Schumann

Lana Tonkinson- piano

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sonatina in C Major

Muzio Clementi

Ty Tonkinson - piano

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God’s Options”

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 309

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; from “A Declaration of Faith”, 1977*)

**We believe that God sends us
to tell all nations
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and**

obedience.

**We are to proclaim by word and deed
that Christ gave himself to set people free
from sin and self-hatred,
from ignorance and disease,
from all forms of oppression,
and even from death.**

**We must not restrict our proclamation
to persons just like ourselves.**

**We invite people everywhere
to believe in Christ and become his followers.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

VBS

Kim Double

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Brethren, We Have Come to Worship

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Creator God, our Savior through Christ, receive and bless
our offerings as elements of our worship and thanksgiving.
We dedicate them to the service of Christ and recommit
ourselves to Him. 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 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Unison, 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

Great Mountain

David Glover

Joseph Seefeldt – piano

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for Thought:

1. If God created the world very good (Genesis 1:31), why does the Apostle Paul say to "Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly...?" (Colossians 3:5)
2. What does "rich toward God" mean? (Luke 12:21)

Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Cheryl McDevitt, Mickey Buck
and Alice Jackson

Liturgist: Ruth Newman

Flowers: Given by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Jason's
Birthday.

Our Special Music this morning is provided by Nancy McNeal's piano students.

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.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, please call the church office. (330-337-9555)

Summer Lunch Program

Monday – Friday, 11:00-12:30 at Salem High School Cafeteria
Free for all kids 18 and under / \$4 lunches for adults

Denise's Big Backyard – Wednesdays through August 3

Program August 3 – *Brad Stephens, Salem Public Library*

Come join us from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship! Programs will be held rain or shine except in the case of a thunderstorm or tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service.

A Family VBS Event – Sunday, August 7

This year's VBS mission project will focus on collecting funds for Project MKC (making kids count). Please place any monetary donations in the offering plate marked for VBS. There will be a box located in the Fellowship Hall to receive any of the items from the list you may wish to purchase on your own. However, through project MKC monetary donations can be stretched even further to purchase the necessary items. 100% of monetary donations are spent on programming. For more information on project MKC visit projectmkc.org. "Project MKC because every child deserves to feel special."

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool is enrolling students 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. Call 330-337-9555 for more details.

Please pick up you dishes, containers, etc. from the kitchen!

Prayer Concerns

Alec Cahn (*Friend of Charles and Joyce Pakosta*)

Carol Dougherty

Pat Eichler

Mark and Sandi Flake

Peggy Courtwright (*Dolly Millikin's niece*)

Patti Hays (*Bob and Susan Merry's sister-in-law*)

Karen Hezlep (*Ryan Gillis' mother*)

Kathleen Walton Lemaster (*from Kathie Baker*)

Robert Fletcher Linsz (*from Mo Hofmeister*)

Frank Maticcik (*Ellen Maticcik's husband*)

Bill McCormick and son Todd

Lois Middleton (*Alice Jackson's sister*)

Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba's father*)

Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's mother*)

Lorin and Marcia Shepard

Sue Thomas (*Karen Dennison's friend*)

Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*)

Those listed under Special Care and Military

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

Birthdays this Week

Margaret Winch (4)

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

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*)

2022 Summer Concert Series at Waterworth Park

- Sunday, July 31, 6 pm Jukebox Saturday Night: A celebration of America's Swing Era
- Sunday, Aug 7, 6 pm The Wrangler Band: A country and classic rock band from western Pennsylvania
- Sunday, Aug 14, 6 pm Salem High School Alumni Night with The Ovation Band, Music from the 1940s to today's pop and dance favorites
- Sunday, Aug 21, 6 pm Out of Eden – Eagles Tribute Band, Replicating the classic music of the legendary Eagles
- Sunday, Aug 28, 6 pm The Labra Brothers, Northeast Ohio Latin funk and soul

Tuesday, August 2

10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

6:00 Board of Deacons (Parlor)

Wednesday, August 3

6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*

6:00-8:00 Denise’s Big Back Yard –

Brad Stephens, Salem Public Library

Thursday, August 4

9:00 – 2:00 Church Office Hours

6:00 Christian Education Committee (Library)

6:00 Mission I and S Committee (Parlor)

7:00 Devotions (Sanctuary)

7:15 Property and Maintenance Committee (Library)

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

Sunday, August 7

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH, Haviland Choir)

10:30 Lord’s Day Worship (S)

2:00-6:00 A Family VBS Event at Sebo Stadium

Temporary Pastoral Leadership ... Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis, 304-266-8154

Rev. Trina Lewis, 304-266-8214

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