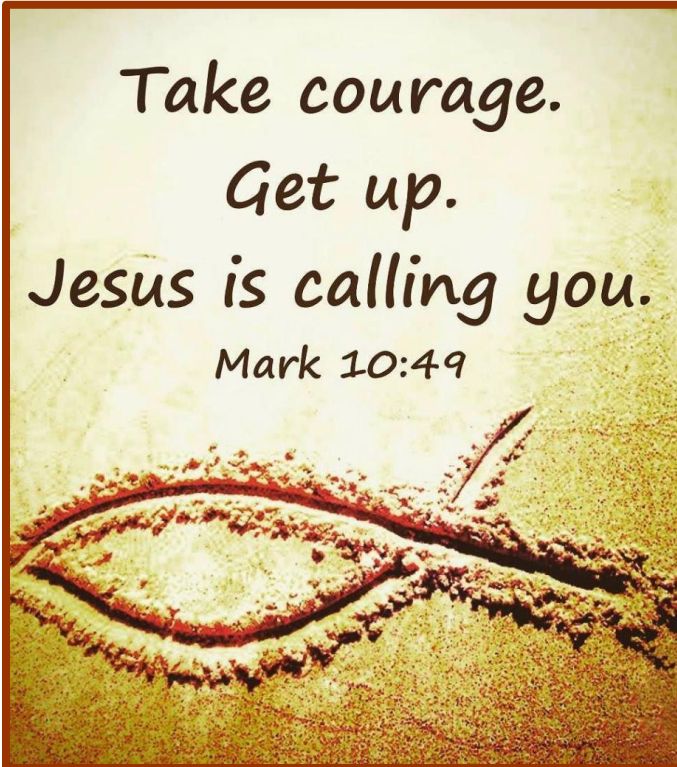


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



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 are centered in Christ and powered by love."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

O Worship the King (Organ)

David Paxton

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

PRELUDE

Air from "Water Music" (Brass)

G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from terror.

**Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.**

At all times I will bless the Lord,
whose praise shall be ever in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; let all who are humble hear and rejoice.

I called in my affliction,
and God heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in God.**

*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

As we come before God to worship and praise, let us bring our whole selves, confident that God can forgive our every sin and brokenness. Let us confess our sin freely, seeking mercy and grace from the steadfast love of our God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, we acknowledge the greatness of your majesty, and the depth of our spiritual poverty. We have thought too highly of ourselves, and have failed to give due glory to you. You call us into being by your Word, yet we shun the counsel of that same Word. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our arrogance and selfishness. Help us to live into your honor by granting your word its rightful place, and by letting the power of that Word transform us and equip us—to dismantle evil and heal the broken, according to the teaching and example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God tells us, “I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud **and your sins like mist;**
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

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

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Minuet from "Water Music"

Brass

G.F. Handel

THE FIRST READING

Job 42:1-6; 10-17

¹ Then Job answered the Lord: ² "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me that I did not know. ⁴ 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lord of All

The Haviland Choir, Organ, Brass, Timpani

Jack Schrader

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He is Lord, He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem. And crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

(Congregation and Choir)

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!**

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is Lord; He is Lord, Christ is Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SERMON *“What Do We Want from God?”* Rev. Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 362 *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; from The Belhar Confession, 1986*)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with
the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and
the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a
peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts (Organ)

Wilbur Held

*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*)

**God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer
these gifts to you.**

**Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these
offerings become a source for hope and love in this church
family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus
Christ. 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 394

There is a Balm in Gilead

*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

Trumpet Tune (Brass)

Henry Purcell

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

1. How do we ask God for help?
2. What are we asking God for during this season of our life?
3. How does our faith impact this conversation with God?

Today's appearance of the Western Reserve Brass is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.

Terry Gale, John Veneskey – Trumpets; Rob Cole – Horn;
Jonathan Willis – Trombone; Benjamin Ammon – Tuba;
Robert Barnett – Timpani

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Geoff Goll

Lightbearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins have been given anonymously to the Glory of God.

Flowers have been given by The Karmazin Family in memory of Michael; by Ruth Varkonda in memory of loved ones, by Rich Eichler in honor of Pat's birthday, and in honor of our new pastor, Rev. Annie Parker, being installed today at 4 p.m.

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 \$1,617.00 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.

Installation Service for Rev. Annie Parker Today at 4 p.m.

You are encouraged to attend 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.

Daytimers – Wednesday, November 6

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring Covered Dish to Share.
The Director of Sophia Women's Center will speak.

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.

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, October 27

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

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Monday, October 28

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 29

5:30 Preschool Trunk or Treat (*Please have car in place by 5:15*)

Wednesday, October 30

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)

Sunday, November 3

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

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)

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

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

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