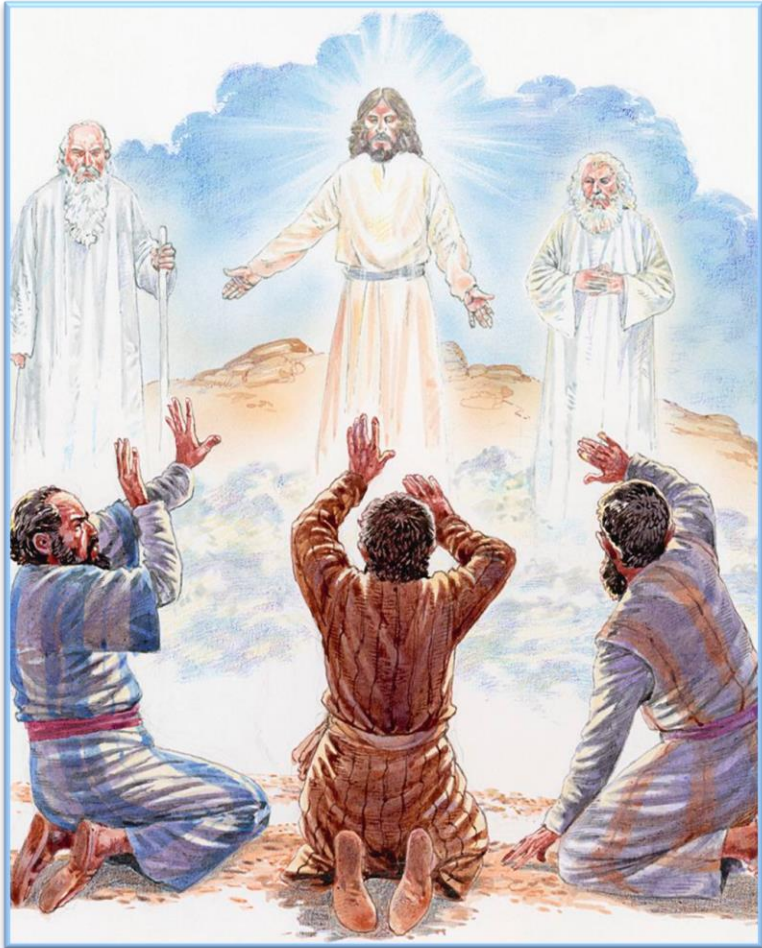


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

February 11, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday / Scout Sunday



Worship will be live streamed on

Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

You Tube: [www.youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) / FPCSALEM; and

our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.



WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

*Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet
Arise, My Soul, Arise!*

*Robert Lau
Dale Wood*

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

PRELUDE

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Thomas H. Troeger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 50:5-6*)

“Gather to me my faithful ones

Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!

The heavens declare his righteousness,

For God himself is judge.”

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, source of all truth and wisdom, the perfect, holy Judge: You made the world a dwelling place where Your creatures could live in peace and love. We confess that human sin has brought disaster. Change us, O God. Help us to turn from doing wrong to doing what You desire for good. Transform us so that our light shines

before the world, giving You glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Beloved Son and our Savior. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest is around him” “And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.” *(Psalm 50:3 and Matthew 17:7)*

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.

ANTHEM

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Carillon Ringers

Tammy Waldrop

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

O God, Whose Son is the light of life, and Whose Holy Spirit illumines our hearts, minds, and bodies with the teachings of Your word, grant us faith to hear, understand and act according to the truth of Jesus Christ. We pray in His name. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For

we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus, Shine

The Haviland Choir

G. Kendrick/Arr. J. Schrader

Hope Publishing Company, CCL#2595933

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story:
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Of Light and Clay"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; Colossians 1:15-20*)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,

the first-born of all creation;

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created,

things visible and invisible.

All things were created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

**He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place
in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presentation of Troop 3 Charter

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

O Jesu Sweet

Samuel Scheidt

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**By Your grace, O God, You call us Your children. In Your love
You sent Your only begotten Son to save us. In Your mercy You
provide for us life and life eternal. Thank You. 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 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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

Recessional

Robert Cundick

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

How is God changing you? How are you responding?

*As you leave church today, please help yourself to a little bag of
candy you will find in the baskets at each of the entrances.*

*The Congregational Care Committee
wants you to know that "You are loved!"*

Liturgists/Ushers:

Cub Scout Pack 3, Troop 3 Scouts, Troop 2003G Scouts

Acolyte/Light-Bearer: Tyson Jackson

Bulletins have been given by Ryan and Jennifer Gillis in honor of Troop 3 and 2003G Scouts.

Flowers have been given by Jim and Ruth Newman in memory of Robert and Mary Stamp, and Carl and Helen Newman; by Archie and Nancy Crum in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Denise Haley; and by Nancy McNeal in memory of Bruce D. Snyder, former member and Dean of the Youngstown Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and former organist and Haviland Choir Director of Our Salem First Presbyterian Church.



Troop 2003G is having a Bake Sale today in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour and after worship.

Scout Leaders

Cubmaster *Angie Johnston*

Den Leaders *Angelica Spence, Robert Minor, Iliania Schmidt, Christin Thompson, Ryan Gillis*

Scoutmaster *Ryan Gillis*

Assistant Scoutmasters *Gene Spence, Zachary Martin, Mike Rea Zachary Gillis, Christin Thompson, Angie Hrovatic*

Treasurer *Val Park*

Advancement Chairman *Angie Hrovatic*

Secretary *Christin Thompson*

Chartered Organization Representative *Mark Smith*

Committee Member *Geoff Goll*

Recruitment *Scoutmasters of each Troop*

2003G Scoutmaster *Krista Haas*

Assistant Scoutmasters *Marsha McCartney, Aubrey Witherstine, Kaitlynn Haas, Elizabeth Gillis*

Committee Members *Brenda Hartley, Clay Haas, Ryan Gillis, Jennifer Gillis*

Souper Bowl of Caring

"In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time. This gave birth to an idea." Quoted from the *Tackle Hunger website*. Food purchases and consumption on Super Bowl Sunday is second in volume only to Thanksgiving in the USA.

Souper Bowl of Caring was born. Today, youth groups all over the world use soup kettles to collect donations which are donated to local groups within their own community to help the hungry.

Our Youth and Scouts will be at the 3 entrances to our Sanctuary after worship today. They will be holding soup kettles. You are invited to put some loose change, dollar bills, or whatever you would like into those kettles. Any money placed in the kettles today will be donated directly to the Salem Community Pantry as our way of participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring.

The 2024 FPC Directory (without pictures) is available at Sanctuary entrances.

Per Capita Apportionment for 2023 is \$32.50 per Active Member. Per Capita is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery for each member of the congregation. 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.

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

Sunday, February 11

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

Monday, February 12

- 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
- 6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (Scout Room) and Troop 2003G (209)

Wednesday, February 14

- 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
- 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service (S)**
- 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 18

- 9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
- 9:00 Adult Church School (L)
- 10:00 Celebration for Sue Lewis' 90th Birthday** (FH)
- 10:30 Service of Worship

Monday, February 19

- 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

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 Rev. Trina Lewis, 304-266-8214

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