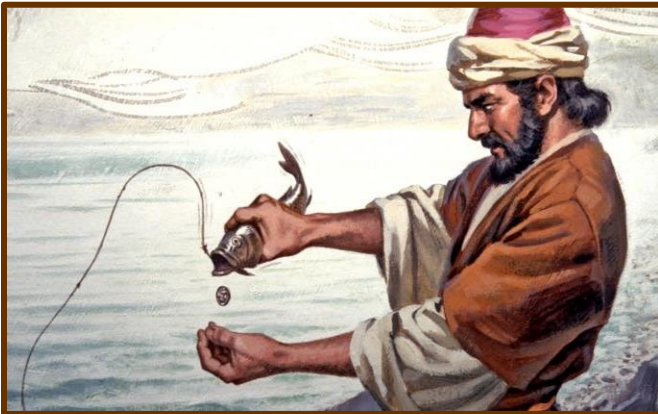


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

November 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!  
To God Be the Glory  
Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Charles Callahan  
Don Hustad  
Alice Jordan*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 103:1-2, 22*)

"Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**And all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**And forget not all his benefits – "**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 324

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Holy One, Holy Three — Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You reveal Yourself as You choose, through Your Word. We confess that we look for You in the wrong places, listen to the wrong voices, and let our minds wander away from You. Our sin brings suffering to others and leads to all sorts of disasters. In Your mercy, forgive us. Help us to live in Your presence as faithful, grateful disciples of Jesus Christ. His life with us, death for us and resurrection to the seat of grace where He prays for us is our everlasting joy. So transform us that we share the joy of Christ by the power of the Spirit with all the world. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...” *(Ephesians 2:4-6)*

Believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

\*THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

**No mortal can approach Your heavenly dwelling place, O Triune God: only the Son, Whom You sent to be one with us; only the Spirit, Who knows Your mind and ours. Draw near to us and let us draw near to You through hearing and understanding Your Word. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

*Exodus 33:7-11a*

<sup>7</sup> Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. <sup>8</sup> Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. <sup>9</sup> When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. <sup>10</sup> When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. <sup>11</sup> Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 16:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. <sup>2</sup> On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. <sup>3</sup> And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. <sup>5</sup> I will visit you after passing through Macedonia – for I intend to pass through Macedonia – <sup>6</sup> and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way, wherever I go.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*The Haviland Choir*

*With a Voice of Singing*

*Martin Shaw*

G. Schirmer, Inc., CCL#2595933

With a voice of singing  
declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of his name,  
make his praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing  
declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 17:24-27*

<sup>24</sup> When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?" <sup>25</sup> He said, "Yes, he does." And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?" <sup>26</sup> When Peter said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the children are free. <sup>27</sup> However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*"Meeting God in Places and People"*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 482

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; Book of Order, W-1.0204*)

**The offering of material gifts in worship is an expression of our self-offering, as an act of gratitude for God's grace. We give our lives to God through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. The practice of offering also reflects our stewardship of God's good creation. Mindful that the earth and everything in it belong to God, we present tithes and offerings for use in Christ's ministry and mission.**

**We offer creative gifts in worship as well, including music, art, drama, movement, media, banners, vestments, vessels, furnishings, and architecture. When such gifts only call attention to themselves, they are idolatrous; when, in their simplicity of form and function, they give glory to God, they are appropriate for worship.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
*Property and Maintenance*

*Ryan Gillis*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY  
*Devotion*

*Janet Linker*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**God the Creator, all that exists is through Your generous giving. We present these offerings from the provident care You have shown to us. Thank You for loving us, especially through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to live grateful lives as His faithful disciples. 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 464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Unison; Hymn 535*)

*Go with Us, Lord*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE

*March from "Occasional Oratorio"*

*G.F. Handel*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Question for thought:**

When do you feel closest to God?

**Liturgist:** Barb Yonker

**Acolyte:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins:** Given by The Melvin and Virginia Wilms Family in memory of Harry Kelly. Open Bulletin dates are November 19 and 26, and December 24. The cost is \$15.00 for a Sunday.

**Flowers:** Given by George Bell in memory of loved ones; and by Scott and Debbie Boyd in honor of our son, Donald Boyd.

**Order Red Poinsettias Today** in Fellowship Hall, or through the Church Office during the week. The cost is \$10.00. Orders will also be taken on November 19 and 26.

**Pastoral Care, Hospital and Nursing Home Visits:** 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.

**Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering**

\$3,005 as of November 5, 2023

**Empty Egg Cartons for Salem Community Pantry**

Place them in the collection bin at the side door at  
794 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Vine).

**Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 12, 2023**, following morning worship for the purpose of electing officers (Elders and Deacons) to the Class of 2026 and to amend the By-laws as follows: *The session, and the congregation/corporation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to simultaneously hear and be heard so that they may discuss, deliberate, and discern the will of God together. This includes joining one or more persons electronically to an otherwise in-person meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be the same as physical meetings.* Ref: Book of Order G-1.0501.

**Fall Soup Luncheon – Sunday, November 19**

Fellowship Hall following Worship / Anyone wishing to bring soup to share would be appreciated. Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee.

**The Church Office** will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Soup to Go – Sunday, December 3**

*Chili* by Paul Fennema, \$5 a quart. Please return jars and lids. If you'd like to join Paul Fennema in making Chili, come at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2

**“A Journey to Joy” – Sunday, December 17**

10:30 a.m. Worship / A Cantata for Christmas by Joseph M. Martin Haviland Choir with Guest Vocalists and Musicians



**The Christian Education Committee has responsibility for Coffee Hours and some Sunday Service-related efforts during the month of December.** We would like to enlist the help of the youth of the Church and their families. Please identify below any event your child and/or family are willing to help with and what date(s) you are available. Please leave a note in Judy Herron's mailbox or call Bill Penfold, 330-831-2673.

**December 3** – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20)

Worship: Liturgist / Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

**December 10** – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20)

Worship: Liturgist / Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

**December 17** – Worship:

Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

**December 24** – Coffee Hour (9:45-10:20)

Worship: Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

**December 24** – Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 p.m.:

Lighting Advent Candles / Ushers / Offering

**December 31** – Worship: Liturgist / Ushers / Offering

Sunday, November 12

Congregational Meeting following worship

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, November 13

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:00 Scouts Troop 3 and 2003G (Scout Room/209)

**7:00 Congregational Care** (Library)

Tuesday, November 14

**3:30 Personnel Committee** (Parlor)

**4:00 Staff Evaluations by Personnel Committee** (Parlor)

6:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting *via Zoom*

Wednesday, November 15

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, November 16

**7:00 Regular Session Meeting** (In Person and via Zoom)

Friday, November 17

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours (Closed 12-4 p.m.)

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Rev. Trina Lewis, 304-266-8214

Temporary Head of Staff & Administrator.... Alice Jackson, 330-257-8798

Clerk of Session ..... Alice Jackson, [awilson14@neo.rr.com](mailto:awilson14@neo.rr.com)

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