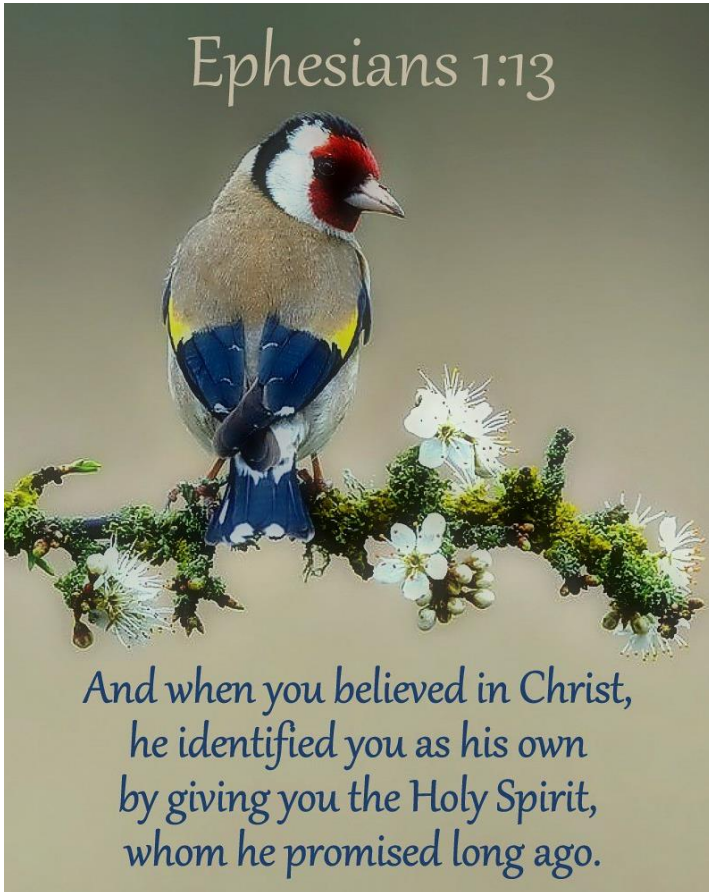


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

July 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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

"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

*Sheep May Safely Graze
Though I May Speak*

*Jan Cox, Organist
J.S. Bach
Arr. 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Arr. Don Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With the Psalmist, let us pray:

**“Let me hear what the LORD God will speak,
For he will speak peace to his people,
To his faithful,
To those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
That his glory may dwell in our land.”** *(Psalm 85:8-9)*

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**O God, Whose steadfast love bears all things, we confess that
we have sinned against You, our neighbors and even ourselves.
We have thought little of others and much about ourselves.
Our words and actions often have been careless and loveless,**

and sometimes cruel. We can only plead for Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit, help us to repent and turn to You. Put within us the moral compass that leads us in the way of Christ our Savior. We pray in His name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned their sin... Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.” *(Psalm 85:2; 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

Grant to us, O God, the presence of the Holy Spirit for the understanding of Your word, so that we can faithfully respond, to the glory of Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-15, p. 855

This is the Word of the LORD!
Thanks be to God!

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:3-14, p. 192

This is the Word of the LORD!
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC
Holy Manna

Carillon Ringers
Arr. Karen Thompson

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

Mark 6:14-29, p. 40

SERMON *“The Very Bad, the Very Good and the Very Ugly”*
Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 507 (*vss. 1, 3, 4*)

I Come with Joy

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison, The Apostles’ Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine

Arr. Mark Hayes

Loose Cash Offering today will go to the Board of Deacons.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Savior God, from Whose hand we receive blessings in abundance, we especially thank You for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We present our offerings to support the work of the church so that it might better bring honor to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God for ever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ
are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *including* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION /
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Then in the fullness of time,
out of your great love for the world,
you sent your only Son to be one of us,
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

**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.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The bread and the cup will be received by coming forward and given
a piece of bread, taking the cup, and returning the cup to a tray. If
you cannot come forward, you will be served in the pew.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 280 (*vss. 1, 2, 5*) *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*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.

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Arr. Don Hustad

*Please stand if you are able.

Question of thought:

How do you experience and express the glory of God?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Rev. Trina Lewis

Lightbearer: Mickey Buck

Bulletins and Flowers have been given anonymously in memory of loved ones.

The **Salem Summer Concert** tonight at 6 p.m. at Waterworth Memorial Park will feature Cin City & The Saints, classic rock, Motown, oldies.

Bryce Jennings, Concert Pianist

Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

We will be hosting a Concert Pianist this Tuesday evening, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This concert is free, and open to the public. Bryce Jennings will be performing a religious based concert, with a variety of styles. If you would like a preview, open YouTube and search "Turn Your Eyes". In 2020, Bryce founded Jennings Music Academy in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hymns he will play at the concert are listed below:

Amazing Grace!

'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Medley – It Is Well with My Soul / How Great Thou Art

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Jesus Paid it All

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

I Surrender All

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

The Benediction

Denise's Big Back Yard – July 17, 24, 31, August 7

Join us this Wednesday, July 17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship. The Presbyterian Preschool will host a 'Bees and Trees' program. If it rains, gather in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Monday, July 15 – United Quilt Guild (Afternoon)

Tuesday, July 16

9:00-1:00 Church Office Hours

United Quilt Guild (All Day)

Wednesday, July 17

9:00-2:00 Church Office Hours

Morning – United Quilt Guild

6:00 Denise's Big Back Yard – *Program: Preschool 'Bees and Trees'*

Friday, July 19

9:00-2:00 Church Office Hours

Sunday, July 21

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

Wednesday, July 24

6:00 Denise's Big Back Yard – *Program: Jessie and Lulu Reeks, eclectic mix of music from south of the border*

Vision Statement

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

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