

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio
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10:30 a.m.



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
I Love the Lord
Immortal, Invisible

Jan Cox, Organist
Franklin Ritter
James Southbridge
Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147:7, 11

“Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

Make melody to our God on the lyre...

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

In those who hope in his steadfast love”

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 559

We Gather Together

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Sovereign God, Holy Trinity: You alone are God, One in power and majesty, the only Creator. We confess that we lose focus on this truth. We have paid more attention to our selfish desires than to the vital needs of others. We have tried to run our lives as if we were independent of Your moral Universe. Our sin spawns suffering. We pray for forgiveness in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Through Christ the King and the Spirit of Life, transform the world that our human sin corrupts into the haven of eternal life promised by Christ's death, resurrection and gracious rule. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is what the Psalmist says, “The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.”

(Psalm 146:7b, 8)

Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

*THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Eternal God, by the Holy Spirit You created all that is, according to the Word. May the Holy Spirit continue to form us into faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:9

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

The Morning Trumpet

Lloyd Larson

Mike Newman, Trumpet

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O when shall I see Jesus and reign with Him above,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning,
and from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

O shout, shout “glory!” I’ll mount above the skies,
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Put on the armor of love,
and you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And when the combat's ended He will carry you above,
and you'll hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

O shout, shout "glory!" I'll mount above the skies,
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Our ears shall hear with gladness the hosts of heaven sing,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
Our tongue shall speak the glories of our immortal King,
and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

O shout, shout "glory!" I shall mount above the skies,
when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:9-15

⁹ As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 554

Let All Things Now Living

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

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated by people and
systems that do not acknowledge his rule.**

But his lordship is real.

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Blessing Jars

Carol Ricciardi

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Mike Newman, Trumpet; Jan Cox, Piano

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*)

O God, the Spirit inspired the Psalmist to sing, “Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, ...who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.” We dedicate our offerings to Your Holy mission, and we commit ourselves to serving Christ our Lord. 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...

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*)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

ACT OF CONSECRATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Unison, Hymn 535*)

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

Praise Ascending

David Paxton

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for Thought:

1. In what ways does Jesus Christ rule in your life?
2. How has God consecrated you?

Ushers: Archie Crum, Wanda Navoyosky, Sandra Quinn

Liturgist: Sue Skiba

Bulletins: Given by Beverly Costa Bowman in memory of her parents, Nicholas and Georgiana Costa.

Flowers: Given by Goldie Burrier in remembrance of God's Blessings; and anonymously in memory of loved ones.

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.

Order Red Poinsettias Today in Fellowship Hall, through the Church Office during the week, or e-mail phyllis@fpcsaalem.org by Monday, November 28. Cost is \$10.00. Orders will also be taken today and next Sunday.

Christmas Angel Tag Program (Salvation Army)

We are sponsoring 30 children in which children's genders, ages, needs, and Christmas wish lists are on tags on a table in Fellowship Hall. **Please sign the sheet with numbered tags listed.** Please purchase 1 outfit and 1 toy from the tag and return it to Fellowship Hall or the Church Office. Do not wrap gifts, but place in garbage bag or large shopping bag with the tag affixed to the outside. Do not include gift receipt. *All gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 11.*

Preschool Fundraiser – Fall Flower Bulb Sale

We are selling Yellow Daffodils, Mt. Hood White Daffodils, Red Devon (yellow with red center) narcissus, Red Tulips, and bags of surprise mixed bulbs for \$5.00 a bag which goes directly to the Preschool. Bags of bulbs are in Fellowship Hall.

Soup and Dessert Lunch Today following Worship

Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee.

Advent Sunday School Kickoff Today at 3:30 p.m.

We are doing something special this year to get ready for Christmas. Sunday School will combine the youth and adult classes to share "Advent in *Narnia*." It's based on C. S. Lewis'

novel, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. **We will meet this afternoon from 3:30-5:00 to continue watching the movie version of the book and to share refreshments.** Sunday School will be at the usual time (9:15-10:00 a.m. Sunday morning). All ages are invited to this adventure.

The Church Office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. (Note – The Church Office will close at 2:30 this Wednesday.)

Daytimers – Wednesday, December 7

Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship at 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share. Program by Jenny Wilms.

Haviland Choir Advent Program – Sunday, December 18

A Weary World Rejoices by Joseph M. Martin

Guest musicians and vocalists / Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Salem Memorial Building Open Gym

First Christian Church and the Steel Valley FCA are sponsoring an open youth activities program for grades 3-12 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Salem Memorial Building during each week. There will be snacks, homework assistance, games, and open gym. The committee discussed ways that we can support these services for Salem youth.

Sunday, November 20

- 11:30 Soup and Dessert Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:30-5:00 Advent Sunday School Kickoff** (Library)
- 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, November 21

- 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Troop 3 Scouts Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Troop 2003 G Scouts (209)
- 6:45 Violin Studio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 23

Church Office closes at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 24 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed for Holiday

Sunday, November 27

- 9:15 Advent Sunday School for Youth and Adults
- 10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall; by Congregational Care)
- 10:30 Lord’s Day Worship – *Brass and Timpani*
- 5:00 Troop 3 Planning Meeting (110)

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