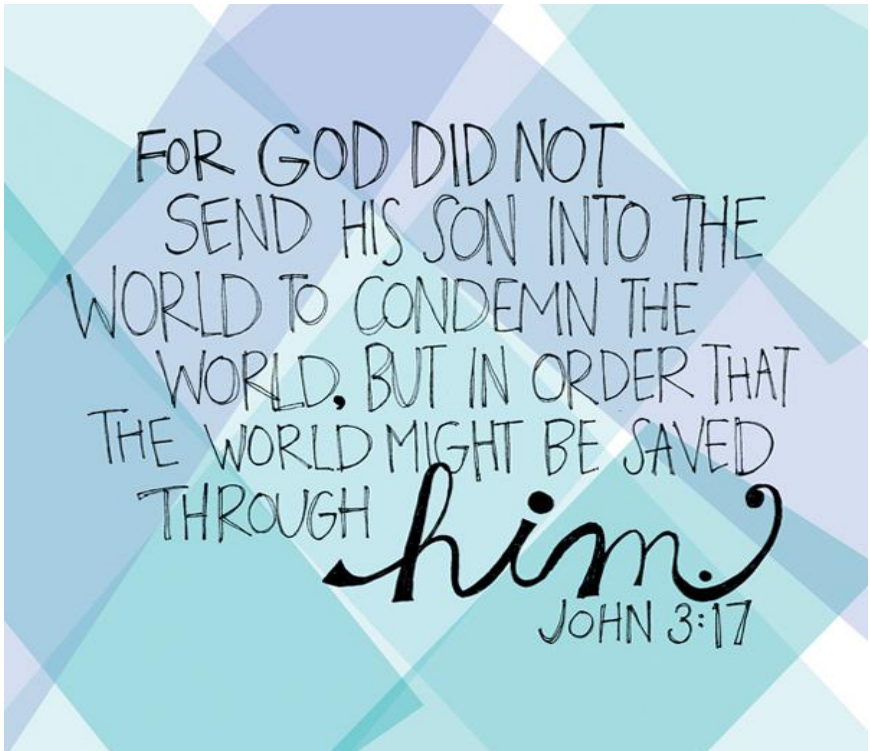


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

May 26, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Trinity Sunday



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](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

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

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*A Prayer of Patriotism*

*Richard Purvis*

*My Country, 'tis of Thee (Brass)*

*Traditional*

*God Bless America (Brass)*

*Irving Berlin*

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

### PRELUDE

*A Hymn of the Nation: Eternal father, Strong to Save*

*Gilbert Martin*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,

**And the Spirit was there, the power of creation.**

In the beginning was the Word, Christ the only Son,

**And we beheld the glory of God in Him,**

Born of the Spirit, the visible image of God.

**Let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### \*HYMN 138

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

**Almighty God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Your apostle taught us that we can call you "Abba, Father," that Jesus Christ is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation," and that You would pour Your love into us "through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." We confess that we have turned away from the demands of Your love. We have treated creation as if were ours, Jesus as our 'buddy' and**

**the Holy Spirit as a spooky figment of over-active imaginations. O God, Triune and holy, have mercy on us. Forgive our foolishness. Correct our failure of faith that keeps us from knowing You. Transform us into a people who walk in Your ways, rejoice in Your grace, and share the love that marks us as Your children. You are Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13, 14)

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**

**Jesus prayed for his disciples “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” (John 14:25, 26) May Jesus’ prayer be fulfilled in us today. Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1-8, NRSV, p. 635*

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Ethan Shafer – Piano

(2<sup>ND</sup> year student at the Dana School of Music)

*Sonata in E Major Opus 14 No.1*

*Ludwig Von Beethoven*

THE SECOND READING

*Romans 8: 12-17, NRSV, p. 158*

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

THE GOSPEL READING

*John 3: 1-17, NRSV, p. 93*

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

SERMON

*"More Than a Number"*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 139

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free  
to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor.**

*(from "A Brief Statement of Faith," 1991)*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

*arr. Peter J. Wilhousky*

*Choir, Brass, Piano, Side Drum; Cheryl McDevitt, Piccolo*

*Carl Fischer, Inc., CCL#2595933*

Choir

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage

where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and  
damps;

I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps,  
His day is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy, Let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

### **Congregation**

**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!  
Amen! Amen!**

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**We thank You, O God, for Your creation that provides for the needs of our mortal bodies; and for the Holy Spirit, who gives us the gifts of life and faith; and for the Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for our eternal salvation. Use us and our offerings to share Your goodness with others, in Christ's name. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

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 132

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 432*)

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

*Festive Piece*

*G. F. Handel*

\*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought: How would you describe the Trinity to a non-Christian?

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Lynn Zocolo

**Acolyte/Light-Bearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins and Flowers** have been given by Tim and Melissa Costa – The battlefields and cemeteries around the world are hallowed grounds and holy to every American. We respectfully pause this Memorial Day weekend as we remember with gratitude the sacrifices of so many for our nation. *Bulletin donors are needed for June 9, 16, July 7, 28, August 4, 11, and 18. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.*

**Flowers** have been given by Marilyn Loudon in memory of the birthdays of Russell Loudon and John H. Liggett.

**Today's appearance** by the Brass and Timpani is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.

**Musicians:** Terry Gale, John Veneskey, and Johnathan Willis, Trumpet; Rob Cole, Horn; Benjamin Ammon, Tuba; Robert Barnett, Percussion.

**Church Office Hours** will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 9 through June 20. The office will be closed on Fridays

### **Prayer Concerns**

Nancy Boing (*Gloria Shafer's sister*), Lorrie Brinker (*Sandy Herman's sister*), Rose Marie Crookston, Rich and Pat Eichler, Dawn Ellis (*Tracey's mother*), Sandi Flake, Phyllis Garlock, **(2335 Brayton Ave. Apt. S1, Alliance, OH 44601)**, Mary Lou Gamble, Carolyn Gorley (*Scott and Deb Boyd's sister-in-law*), Patti Hays (*Bob and Sue Merry's sister-in-law*), Karen Hezlep (*Ryan Gillis' mother*), Mark Lerchen (*Carol Ricciardi's nephew*), Lois Middleton (*Alice Jackson's sister*), Peggy Pikunas (*Andrew Skiba's mother-in-law*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Roselyn Stephens, Barb Yonker, Special Care and Military, Pastor Search Committee.

**Birthdays this Week:** Donald Harrison (26), Joseph Karmazin (26), Tylor Bricker (27), Ryan Gillis (30), Brenda Bradley (31), Terrence Welsh (31), Kevin Chumney (June 1)

### **Special Care**

Brookdale – Goldie Burrier #509

Brookdale Alliance – Carol Dougherty, #138

Brookdale Bowling Green – Barbara Marra, #121

Lexington Place Assisted Living – Helen Hayes, #211

Whispering Pines – Kay Rousseau, #315

### **Military**

Haley Herman Rivera (*Granddaughter of Sandy Herman*); Roger Knizat (*Grandson of Ellen Maticik*); Adam Pawlosky (*Son in Law of Jim and Ruth Newman*); Zach Smith (*Nephew of Mickey Buck*); Cody Tonkinson (*Son of Ed and Melissa Tonkinson*)

Monday, May 27

**Memorial Day – Office Closed**

Tuesday, May 28

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

Wednesday, May 29

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

Thursday, May 30

**9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours**

Friday, May 31

**Church Office Closed**

Sunday, June 2

9:00 Adult Church School (L)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)

10:30 Service of Worship (S)

Monday, June 3

**9:00 – 12:00 Church Office Hours**

**7:00 Board of Deacons (L)**

## Vision Statement

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

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