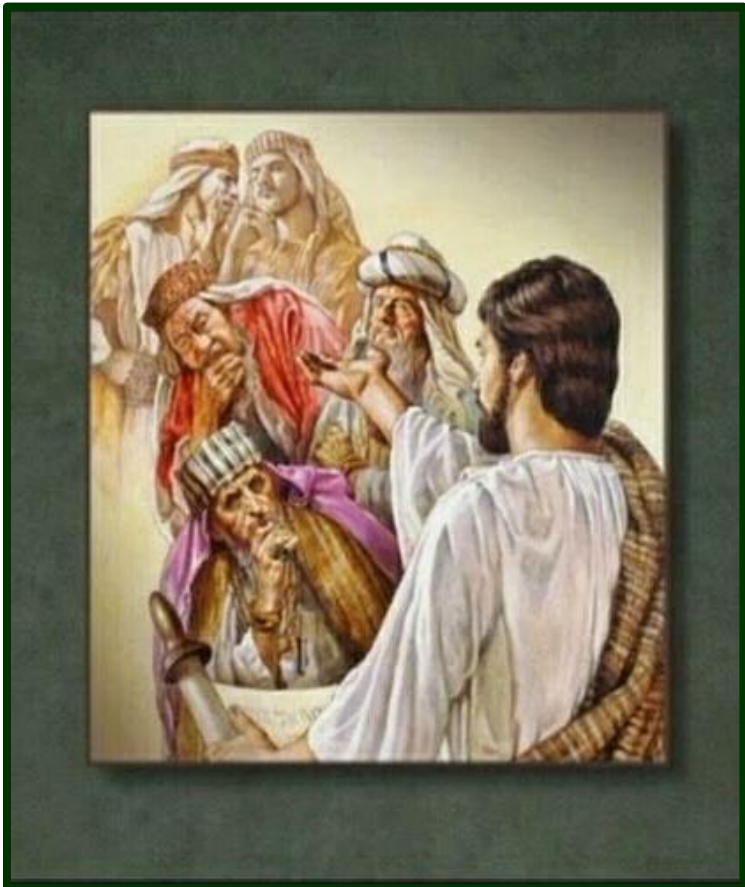


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany



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.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Nancy McNeal, Organist

Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet

Robert Lau

Let Me Walk with Thee

Gilbert Martin

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (Hymntune: Bridegroom)

John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 27:1*)

"The LORD is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?"

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, You have shown Your love, and the strength of Your compassion by entrusting to human beings Your intention to restore creation. We confess that we have not obeyed Your commands or answered Your call with a whole-hearted, 'Yes.' We have been more absorbed in ourselves than in caring for others or working for the reconciliation of the world. Forgive us, O God. Transform us into willing disciples whose focus is wholly on serving our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the LORD!” (*Psalms 27:13-14*)

Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

***THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, Your Son called for a change of heart, a re-direction of life, so that we might become part of Your holy realm. Send the Holy Spirit to us and let us respond immediately to Christ’s call. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I Need Thee Every Hour

The Haviland Choir

John Ness Beck

Beckenhorst Press, CCL#2595933

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!
I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

We believe in God

**who loved us before we were born,
who has high hopes for us
and who provides for all our needs.**

We believe in Jesus Christ

**in whom we know God most clearly
and see the person God means us to be.**

We believe in the Holy Presence

**and dare to claim the fullness of joy,
the peace that passes all understanding,
and the fellowship of all those who trust in God.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

David Lowe

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

All-Loving God, creation sings to the glory of Your name. We bring our offerings with thanksgiving for the wondrous mystery of Your grace made known to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to the discipleship of Jesus. May all see his light shining in us, for we pray in his name. 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 (*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.

*POSTLUDE

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord

Jason Payne

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought:

1. Jesus called disciples to "catch people" for the kingdom of heaven. Do you?

Liturgist: Sharon Bortz

Ushers: Tim and Melissa Costa, Wanda Navoyosky, Sandra Quinn

Bulletins: Available dates are January 29, February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 19, 26, April 9, 23, 30, May 21, June 11, 18. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

Flowers: Given in honor of Roselyn Stephens' Birthday with much love from Brad, Cara, Tim, and Luke; and by Paul and Barb Fennema in memory of loved ones. Available dates are February 12 (1), 19 (1), March 12, May 7 (1).

Soup to Go Today – Chili

Our committee has chosen to keep the price of the soup at \$5.00 but with the rise in cost of the ingredients, we will not have as much money to donate to the local missions. If at all possible, please consider adding a small donation when you purchase your soup today. Please return jars and lids.

Adult Sunday School Class – Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

We will be reading and discussing the book, *Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer* by Tilda Norberg and Robert D. Webber. The class meets in the library.

A Birthday Celebration for Terry Rufer will be held next Sunday, January 29 during Coffee Hour. Please join us for cake and fellowship.

Daytimers – Wednesday, February 1

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring covered dish to share.
Program – Water Painting Demonstration by Erma Eaton

Committee Night – Thursday, February 2

6:00 – Christian Education (Library)
6:00 – Mission Interpretation and Stewardship (Parlor)
7:00 – Devotions (Sanctuary)
7:15 – Property and Maintenance (Library)
7:15 – Worship, Music, and the Arts (Parlor)

Coming Soon: 2023 Directory

To update our membership directory (no pictures) and to enhance communications, please let the Church Office know if you no longer have a landline phone and are using a cell phone number and wish to receive the weekly Worship Bulletin and the bi-weekly newsletter, *The Presbyterian Messenger*, via e-mail.

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. The Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2023 for First Presbyterian Church of Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2021, which was 238 and is \$7,735.00.

Sunday, January 22

- 9:15 Sunday School / Adult Sunday School Class (Library)
- 10:00 Coffee Hour
- 10:30 Service of Worship
- 11:30 Soup to Go – Chili**
- 4:30 Pres-Bees / LOGOS
- 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

Monday, January 23

- 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Fellowship Hall); Troop 2003 G Scouts (209)

Wednesday, January 25

- 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
- 7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 29

- 9:15 Sunday School / Adult Sunday School Class (Library)
- 10:00 Coffee Hour – *Birthday Celebration for Terry Rufer*
- 10:30 Service of Worship
- 4:30 Pres-Bees / LOGOS (Library)
- 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall)

- Temporary Pastoral Leadership Rev.Dr. Frank Lewis, 304-266-8154
Rev. Trina Lewis, 304-266-8214
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- Director, Handbells/Youth Choirs Cheryl McDevitt, chermcd@aol.com
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