

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

November 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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 are centered in Christ and powered by love.”

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

O Love, How Deep (Organ)

Kevin Hildebrand

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

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

PRELUDE

Celtic Meditation

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

God's Word called into being the pumpkins,
the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.

**In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid
imagination.**

God's arms reach down and gather up
children, lovingly placing us in grace's lap.

In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.

God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice
for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.

In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

*HYMN 554

Let All Things Now Living

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We bring our flawed lives to God, not so much to be made
perfect, but to be whole. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting
the One who builds joy from our despair.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Redeeming God, we receive with joy your free gift of redemption. Yet we dishonor your saving gift; we are more concerned to be approved by others than to honor you as our only source of hope. We have sought esteem, rather than embracing humility. Forgive our stubborn pride. Fill us with your humble Spirit, that we may be glad servants, demonstrating with every step, every action, and word our gratitude that you have accepted us without condition, through the gift of your wisdom, righteousness and redemption through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is that we are made whole; not by our efforts, not by any work we have done, not by any word of ours.

Out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us all we need in Jesus Christ, so we might live in hope and joy. Thanks be to God.

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

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Abide with Me / Amazing Grace

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

THE FIRST READING

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

¹ Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." ⁵ She said to her, "All that you say I will do."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Unto the Hills I Will Lift My Eyes

The Haviland Choir

Lloyd Larson

Mike Newman, Trumpet

Lorenz Publishing Company, CCL#2595933

Unto the hills I will lift my eyes;
from where shall come my aid?

My strength, my help is from God above
who heaven and earth has made.
The Lord will not let my foot be moved,
my Guardian never sleeps.
God's watchful eye and faithful care
protects and safely keeps.

Unto the hills I lift my eyes;
From where shall come my aid?
My strength, my help is from God alone
who heaven and earth has made.
My faithful keeper is the Lord,
my shelter and my shade.
Beneath the sun or moon, by night or day,
I shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep me safe,
provide my every need.
my going out, my coming in,
my God will ever lead!
Unto the hills I will lift my eyes;
from where shall come my aid?
My strength, my help is from God above
who heaven and earth has made.

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
My strength, my help is from God above
who heaven and earth has made.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses

and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“God’s Abundance”

Rev. Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ’s presence in the world.**

**We are called together by Christ as a community of broken
but hopeful believers,**

loving what he loved,

living what he taught,

striving to be faithful servants of God

in our time and place.

We sing of God’s good news lived out, a church with purpose:

faith nurtured and hearts comforted,

gifts shared for the good of all,

a community held and inspired by God.

(from “A Song of Faith”, The United Church of Canada, 2006)

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Cantilena (Organ)

Raymond Haan

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Holy God, all good things come from you, and we know that all that we are and all that we have is yours. Receive these gifts of our time, our talents and our offerings, receive us as living sacrifices so that we might glorify you. Remind us that with our word, action and deed we can worship and glorify you. Bless us as living sacrifices as we go into the world bring your goodness, mercy and word with us everywhere we go. 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 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*2162, Sing the Faith*)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

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

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

Trumpet Tune (Organ)

Jason D. Payne

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

1. What does it mean to give everything to God?
2. What do we hold back from God?
3. Where in our life do we need to trust God?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Tegan Jackson

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins have been given by The Melvin and Virginia Wilms Family in memory of Marie Kelly.

Flowers have been 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 in Fellowship Hall today and on Sundays, November 17, and 24, through the Church Office during the week, or e-mail phyllis@fpcsaalem.org by Friday, November 22. Cost is \$10.

Christmas Angel Tags: We are helping The Salvation Army by 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 Thursday, December 12.

Small Black Hearing Devices are missing. These devices are about 3" x 4" square and have a cable with an ear plug attached. They are usually on the tables near the Sanctuary entrances. They only increase sounds when used in the Sanctuary. If you know where one is, please return it to the ushers area as soon as possible. Several people use these to hear the sermon on Sundays.

Blessing Jars: In this season of Thanksgiving, the Congregational Care Committee would like the members of our church family to stop and think about just how Blessed we all are. Blessing Jars will be in the Sanctuary for you to take next Sunday, November 17. The money will be donated to the Presbyterian Hurricane Relief Fund. Jars should be turned back in on December 22 or 24.

Fall Soup Luncheon – Sunday, November 24

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

Hurricane Relief for Asheville

1. The church has located several drivers who will be taking much needed items to the folks in Asheville NC following the hurricane devastation there. We have several members of our congregation retired there. For now we are collecting shoes, boots, socks, slightly used clothing and toiletries. Like items should be put in plastic bags. Toiletries can be bagged together. The volunteers there are getting black trash bags full of misc. items and sorting these is taking valuable time. Boxes will be on the stage in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Check donations should be placed with the collections on Sundays or given to the office. Check memo should include Asheville

Hurricane Relief.

2. Another way to help is to Google MANNAFoodBank Asheville. Hurricane Helene Relief will come up. From there you can donate with a credit card or mail a check to their address which is now being diverted to a PO box. Their buildings are now unsafe to enter so all supplies and computers and forklifts are lost.
3. Jane Stoffer's church in Asheville is a "Hub for Resource Sharing", staffed by volunteers from the church. They are open every day to pass out products to those in need. Donations may be sent to the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Go to gcpcusa.org to contribute. All donations are used directly for those in need.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is part of a large and dedicated community of disaster response organizations assisting with needs and resources from Hurricane Helene. In these difficult times, we are called to respond through generosity, action and prayer – continually standing in the "gap" to uplift our neighbors and offer hope in their journey toward recovery. Make checks payable to the church and mark 'Hurricane Helene' on the memo line. Please continue to pray for survivors, those who have experienced loss of loved ones, and responders.

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, November 10

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Monday, November 11

10:00-11:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

4:30-7:00 Piano in Use (S)

6:30 Troops 3 and 2003G (B / 209)

7:00 Congregational Care Committee (Library)

Wednesday, November 13

10:00-11:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

6:30-8:30 Piano in Use (C)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

7:00 Finance and Administration Committee *via Zoom*

Thursday, November 14

5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (Library)

Sunday, November 17

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library) / Confirmation (209)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)

10:30 Service of Worship

Environmental Team meeting after Worship

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

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