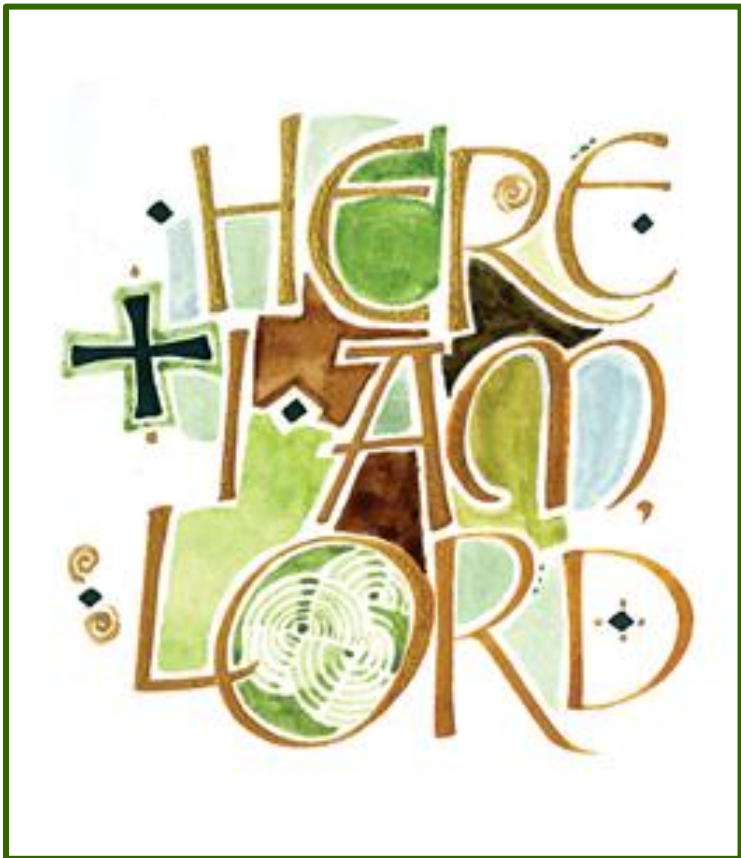


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

January 15, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Second 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

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Dear Maker of the Starry Skies

He Whom Shepherds Once Came Praising

Nancy McNeal, Organist

Michael Burkhardt

Robert Hebble

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 40:4-5*)

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust...

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds...

None can compare with you...

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Eternal Creator and Ruler of all, You charge humans to represent Your sovereign care for what You make and love. We confess that we have rebelled against Your will. We have claimed that which is not ours. We have neglected to care for others. The outcome of our sin is physical and spiritual suffering, evil and death. O God, forgive us. In Your mercy, help us to follow where the Lamb of God leads, the good shepherd You sent to save us. Teach us how to be a light to the nations so that Your salvation may reach to the end of the earth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the LORD!’” (*Psalms 40:16*)

Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

*THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your glory, O God, is light in a sin-darkened world. By the Holy Spirit, help us to see Your love shining among us; and, seeing, help us to be his faithful disciples. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God.” ⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶ he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

ANTHEM
Epiphany

The Haviland Choir
Mark Wilson

Jenson Publications, CCL#2595933

Slowly riding, pressing ever onward,
Wisemen search for a royal son.
Safely led, at last the three behold him,
kneel to worship the chosen one.

Child of light, whose coming brings
a brightness to all earthly things,
may your presence heal and bind
all people in one heart and mind.

Speaking thus, they offer earthly treasure;
priceless gifts for a matchless king.
He is the one who will end our fear;
will light our darkness, dry our tears.

He is the one who will bring us peace;
will bid our foolish quarrels cease.
Seeking, searching, still we hope to find him,
King of Love and Prince of Peace.

Child of light, reveal, we pray,
your spirit in our lives today.
Lead us by your love to show
your healing grace to those we know.

King of Love, be near us in our sorrows,
bring from suffering sweet release.
Child of light, illumine now our darkness;
guide us in the ways of peace.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"The In-Gathering"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

The Holy Spirit equips the Christian community. The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit. The gifts were given for the common good to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. No gift is of value without love.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

Sentences of Scripture (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27*)

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation

Sue Kyser and Bill Penfold are being presented for ordination to the office of Elder and presented for installation to active service on the Session.

Deacon Nancy Crum is being presented for ordination to the office of Deacon. She and Deacons Sharon Bortz, Sandra Quinn, and Gloria Shafer are presented for installation to active service on the Board of Deacons.

Constitutional Questions

Questions of the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these persons as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

The members of Session are invited to come forward to participate in the act of ordination.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter

John G. Barr

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, Your reign is without limit. All we have is from Your generous love. We bring these offerings with our thanks. We dedicate them, and we re-dedicate ourselves to Your mission in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 525

Here I Am, Lord

*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

Sonata in D minor

Domenico Scarlatti

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought:

1. God said to the prophet Isaiah, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach the end of the earth."
(*Isaiah 49:6b*) How are we fulfilling that mission today?

Liturgist: Mike Newman

Ushers: Tim and Melissa Costa, Wanda Navoyosky

Bulletins: Given by Ryan and Jennifer Gillis in honor of daughter Elizabeth's 21st Birthday. Standing orders have been placed on the calendar. Available dates are January 22, 29, February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 19, 26, April 9, 23, 30. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

Flowers: Given by Paul and Barb Fennema in memory of loved ones. Standing Orders have been placed on the calendar. Available dates are February 12, 19, 26, March 12, 19, May 7.

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.

Soup to Go – Next Sunday, January 22

Help is needed this Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m. to make Chili with Paul Fennema as leader. You can purchase on Sunday morning, January 22, for \$5.00 a quart. When "Soup to Go" was first begun, it was agreed that the price of the soup would be \$5.00 and that the proceeds of the sales would go to local missions. 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.

Monday, January 16

10:30 Tai Chi Class

Wednesday, January 18

10:30 Tai Chi Class

7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 19

7:00 Regular Session Meeting *via Zoom*

Friday, January 20

10:30 United Quilt Guild (Library)

Saturday, January 21

9:00 Making Chili

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

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