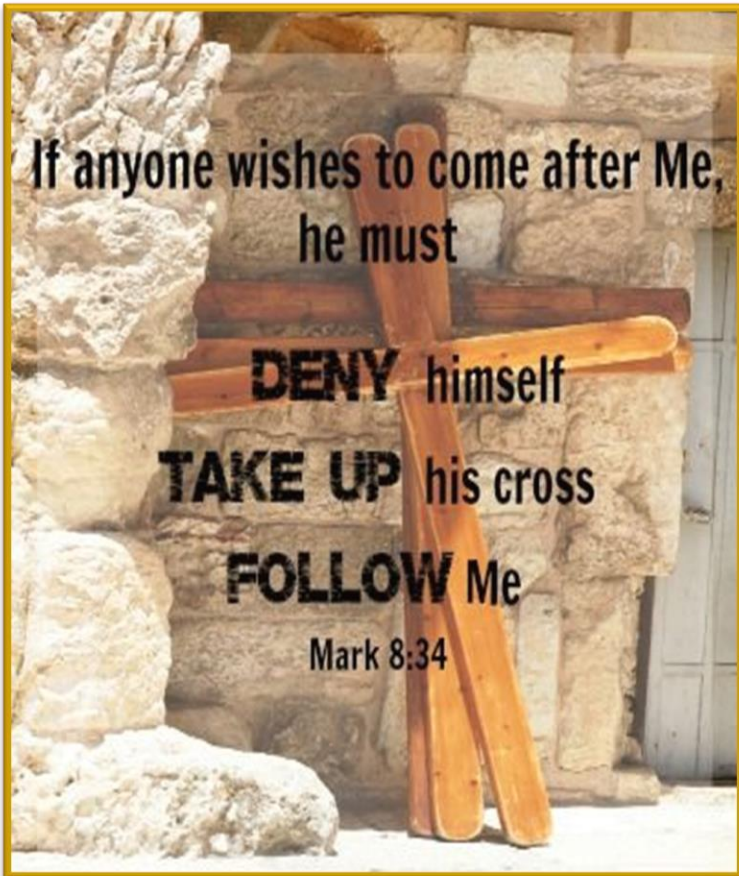


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

February 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio
You Tube: www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM; and
our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Organ)

John Ness Beck

The Old Spagnoletta (Brass and Drum)

Giles Farnaby

A Toye (Brass and Drum)

Giles Farnaby

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

PRELUDE

Tell mee Daphne (Brass)

Giles Farnaby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 22:27-28*)

"All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn to the LORD;

And all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,

And he rules over the nations."

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for
us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that**

we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

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 (*Unison*)

Lord God, Your steadfast love endures forever, and You keep Your eternal covenant. Grant us the Holy Spirit in our hearing and understanding, so that we joyfully keep the covenant in the name of the Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a

multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as

righteousness.”²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *The Haviland Choir, Piano, Brass and Timpani*
At the Name of Jesus *Lloyd Larson*
Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCL#2595933

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
’tis the Father’s pleasure that we should call Him Lord,
who from, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
faithfully He bore it spotless to the end,
brought it back victorious, Jesus, Savior, Friend.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue,
let Him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown Him King of glory in temptation’s hour;
Crown Him and let His will enfold,
enfold you in its light and power.

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring for the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue
confess, confess Him King, King of glory now!
Crown Him Lord of all!

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Sola Sacramentum"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

God chose one people for the sake of all.

To the world in its rebellion and sin

God promised blessing and restoration.

**The Lord chose Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants
as bearers of that promise for all peoples.**

**They had done nothing more than others
to deserve the Lord's favor,
but God loved them and made them God's own.
We acknowledge God's freedom and grace.
Though we are unworthy,
we are God's own people in Christ.
God has chosen us as servants for the sake of the world,
and destined us to be God's daughters and sons,
giving us love and life,
calling us to worship and honor God.**

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

My Song Is Love Unknown

Dale Wood

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

You give us each moment as a gift, O God, and by the Holy Spirit, You lead us to Your promised kingdom, through the Cross of Your Son. Help us to take our obedience to Him with thanksgiving for these immeasurable blessings. 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 339

Be Thou My Vision

*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.

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

POSTLUDE

The New Sa-hoo (Brass and Drum)

Giles Farnaby

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

When have you been scandalized by the Cross of Jesus?

When have you acted wisely?

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Today's appearance of the Instrumentalists is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.

Instrumentalists:

Terry Gale, Andy Schuller – Trumpets; James Scanga – Horn;
Jonathan Willis – Trombone; Benjamin Ammon – Tuba
Robert Barnett – Timpani, Percussion

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Acolyte/Light-Bearer: Tyson Jackson

Bulletins have been given anonymously in appreciation of John, Nancy, and Cheryl for keeping our worship alive through music.

Flowers have been given by Tom Mercer in memory of his wife, Marilyn.

Easter Plant Orders taken Today and Next Sunday

Tulips are \$10 (Red, Orange, Purple); Daffodils are \$10; and Lilies are \$13. Stop in Fellowship Hall today to place your order or call the Church Office during the week.

Environmental Team meeting Today

Immediately following morning worship in the Library.

Café Justo's great Organic Coffee is what we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$12.00 for a 1-pound bag of Regular, Decaf, or Whole Bean Coffee. Cooperative members own the entire business from the growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade Plus certification. If you want to purchase, stop in the Church Office during the week.

Preschool Scholarship Fund

The First Presbyterian Preschool has started an initiative to provide financial assistance to preschool aged children whose parents may need some monetary help in attending preschool this fall. A separate church fund has been established as a means for church members, community members as well as organizations to contribute to this fund to support this project. The fund is called "Preschool Scholarship Fund". The Preschool Board is also discussing ways to support the funding through fundraisers, etc.

If church members wish to help in this effort to assist parents who need some financial support to send their child to our preschool this fall, you may do so by contributing through your church contributions. Putting the words "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on your check would indicate that you are supporting this fund. Money in church envelopes could also be designated on the envelope with the words "Preschool Scholarship Fund". The Preschool Board thanks you in advance for your consideration in supporting this important preschool scholarship initiative.

ANNUAL CHURCH



Saturday, April 27, 2024 (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

“Early Bird” for church members
(Friday, April 26, 1-3 p.m.)

Please help by looking for clean, usable items you no longer need. There will be tables for:

- Kitchen
- Music
- Holiday
- Working Lamps
- Linens
- Garage
- Jewelry
- Kids & Toys
- Small Furniture
- Bikes, etc.
- Antiques
- Books
- Pictures

PLEASE: No Clothing, No Shoes, No Electronics, No TVs,
No Computers, No Upholstered Furniture, No Food,
No Open Toiletries or Makeup

Place all donation items on the stage in Fellowship Hall
no later than Sunday, April 21.

Need pick-up? Call Melissa at 330-853-1955.

Thanks for your help!!

Proceeds to LOGOS/Sunday School Mission

Sunday, February 25

2:00-5:00 Birthday Party (FH) – *Tom & Gloria Shafer’s grandson*

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, February 26

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (S) and 2003G (209)

Wednesday, February 28

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Saturday, March 2

9:30 Meeting of Elders and Deacons (FH)

Sunday, March 3

9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)

9:00 Adult Church School (L)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)

10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, March 4

10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)

6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (S) and 2003G (209)

7:00 Board of Deacons (L)

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