

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

October 13, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on
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our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

*How Firm a Foundation
Built on a Rock*

*Dale Wood
Gilbert Martin*

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

PRELUDE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

David Love

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

“There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all,

Who is above all and through all and in all.” (*Ephesians 4:4-6*)

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

“Come to him, a living stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a spiritual priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (*1 Peter 2:4-5*) Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O God, there are no words to describe You; neither the universe, nor the heavens can contain You. And yet, You come

to us in the Spirit; You make Your dwelling among us in the Son. You reveal Yourself to us as the Triune God Who calls us to live together as the holy body of Christ. We confess our sins and pray for mercy, for we have not worshiped You with our whole selves, we hold back to power of the Spirit, and we have not given faithful witness to the love of Christ. Our worlds and our visions are too small, our hopes too selfish. Our relationships with You and one another are limited and lackluster. Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and minds to Your glory every day. Reform our souls so that we live the joy and invite others into the wonder of the Holy City You are bringing, through Jesus Christ the Lord. We pray in His name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” *(1 Peter 2:9-10)*

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 Beyond Knowing, You grant Your people dreams and visions of Your glory through the Holy Spirit. Through the Son, the Word made flesh, You show Your wisdom, judgement,

mercy and love. Grant to us a faithful imagination to see what You reveal, to trust what You declare and to share what You give, in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM
In the Garden

*The Haviland Choir
Miles/Wagner*

Theodore Presser Company, CCL#2595933

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His, I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me, And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His, I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling.
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

And He walks with me, And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His, I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Old Time Religion

The Haviland Choir

Moses Hogan

Mike Newman, Soloist

Hal Leonard Corporation, CCL#2595933

Give me that old time religion,
give me that old time religion.

Give me that old time 'ligion,
it's good enough for me.

Give me that old time religion,
give me that old time religion.

Give me that old time 'ligion,
it's good enough for me.

It was good for the Hebrew children,
it was good for the Hebrew children.

It was good for Paul and Silas,
it was good for Paul and Silas.

It was good for Paul and Silas,
it's good enough for me.

It was good for my grandmother,
it was good for my grandmother,

It was good for my grandmother,
it's good enough for me.

Give me that old time religion,
give me that old time religion.
Give me that old time 'ligion,
it's good enough for me.

Time religion, old time religion.
Time religion, old time religion.
Time religion, old time religion,
it's good enough for me.

Give me that old time religion,
give me that old time religion.
Give me that old time 'ligion, it's good enough for me.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6 and 22:1-5

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river, is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for

the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

"You Are the Gifted Body of Christ: This is What You See"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers from every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Brother James's Air

Searle Wright

*Peace and Global Witness Offering envelopes
are in the Pew Racks through October.*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, we join our voices with all the generations of Your people, and with those in every nation under heaven to praise You for the gifts of life, faith and love. Help us to share the hope that comes from trusting in the coming of Your peaceable Kingdom. 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 485

To God Be the Glory

*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

God of Majesty

Beatrice Miller

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought:

What does the Kingdom of God (Heaven) look like to you?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Mike Newman

Lightbearer: Tegan Jackson

Bulletins have been given anonymously to the Glory of God.

Flowers have been given by Lois Dunn in memory of their Wedding Anniversary; and anonymously in memory of loved ones.

Our ***Peace and Global Witness Offering*** enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Envelopes are in the Pew Racks and at Sanctuary entrances through October. To date, we have received \$1,402. towards our goal of \$2,500. The Christina House will receive 25% share of this offering.

SOCK-TOBER: The Congregational Care Committee is asking church members to bring socks to church during the Sundays in October. Any kind of socks are welcome. Baskets for your donations are at Sanctuary entrances and in Fellowship Hall.

A Gratitude Reception for Pastors Frank and Trina Lewis will be held today in Fellowship Hall following Worship. A light buffet lunch will be served. For those who wish to write a personal note to them, there will be a basket available for your cards.

Frank started a new Tai Chi class, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The class is free and open to all, especially beginners. It focuses on balance and fall prevention.

Installation Service for Rev. Annie Parker – Sunday, October 27

You are encouraged to attend at 4:00 p.m. and to wear red to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit as we participate in this important function of the presbytery. An offering will be collected for the Installation offering Fund of Eastminster Presbytery, which provides support to newly ordained and installed pastors in our presbytery. A Potluck Dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall following the Installation Service. Everyone is invited to prepare their favorite Potluck dish and bring to the kitchen before the service.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is part of a large and dedicated community of disaster response organizations assisting with needs and resources from Hurricane Helene. 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.

Update on Recycling Contamination: Recently, there has been great concern about the contamination in our recycling bin and the bins in the city next to the police station. Stories have been circulating that all the recycling in Salem was going straight to the landfills. This was upsetting to many of us. So, to get the correct information about this, I talked with Tony at CCH in an attempt to get to the bottom of these concerns. This is what he told me. Kimble takes everything from their recycling bins to a transfer facility in Carrollton. It stays there until there is enough to fill a truck that then, takes everything to the Twinsburg sorting facility. There the contamination is taken out and the recycling is sorted. Ohio Valley uses the Westpoint transfer facility and then everything is taken to their own sorting facility. I didn't get the name of where that is. Please share this information and continue to place only correct items in the recycling bins.

Troop 3 B is having a recruiting drive seeking adult leaders and young persons, ages 11-18. Qualifications: adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, a love of adventure, learning and teamwork. Perks: a world-class team, adventure, and learning amazing things. For more information, see Mark Smith or Frank Lewis.

Preschool Supplies Needed – Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Facial Tissues, Markers, Fruit and Vegetable Cups, Granola and Cereal Bars. The Preschool will appreciate it very much if anyone can donate any of these items.

Sunday, October 13

Gratitude Reception for Frank and Trina after Worship (FH)
6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Monday, October 14

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 (L)

Wednesday, October 16

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)

Thursday, October 17

7:00 Regular Session Meeting (L/Hybrid)

Sunday, October 20

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library) / Confirmation (209)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship
Mini Sale (FH)
6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

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Vision Statement

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