

First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on  
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**You Tube:** [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and  
our website, [www.fpcsalem.org](http://www.fpcsalem.org).

*"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Processional*

*Theodore Dubois*

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

*Kevin Hildebrand*

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

### PRELUDE

*Lamb of God*

*Carolyn Hamlin*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
**the conviction of things not seen.**

Faith is a gift to be received, treasured,  
**and shared with joy and thanksgiving.**

### \*HYMN 469

*Morning Has Broken*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God calls us to walk in faith, but we do not always follow.  
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**God of the ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our  
ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you,  
but we waver. They believed your promise, but we cling to our  
own ideas. Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may  
follow with joy wherever you may lead; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God is merciful and kind;  
though our sins are like scarlet,  
they become like snow.  
Be at peace.  
For your sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.

**\*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*)**

**God of Hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to your presence among us that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalms 33:12-22*

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. <sup>13</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. <sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth — <sup>15</sup> he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. <sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. <sup>17</sup> The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. <sup>18</sup> Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, <sup>19</sup> to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. <sup>21</sup> Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. <sup>22</sup> Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*

*Carillon Ringers and Friends*

*arr. Dennis Robert*

*Jan Cox, Piano / Cheryl McDevitt, Director*

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 517

*We Come as Guests Invited*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; The Apostles’ Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF AN ELDER

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

*Carol Ricciardi is presented for installation to active service on the Session.*

#### Constitutional Questions

#### Questions of the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept this person as an elder, 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 her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

### Declaration of Ordination and Installation

#### Welcome

#### CALL TO OFFERING

Jesus said, "Sell your possessions and give alms. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Honor God with a sacrifice of thanksgiving and come into God's courts with praise.

#### OFFERTORY

*Cantilena*

*Raymond Haan*

*The Loose Cash Offering today will go to the Board of Deacons.*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Lord, you look down from heaven, see all humankind, and long to call us home. Accept these gifts on behalf of your people, that they would increase faith, nurture home, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.**

### GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ  
are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *including* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION /  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again...**

Until that day, we lift our prayer to you,

using the words recited by all generations, saying:

**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.**

**BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

*The bread and the cup will be received by coming forward and  
given a piece of bread, taking the cup, and returning the cup to  
a tray. If you cannot come forward, you will be served in the pew.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live  
in the unity of your Holy spirit, that we may show forth your  
gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN 442**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Hymn 432; Song of Hope)**

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

*Gordon Young*

**\*Please stand if you are able.**



**Carillon Ringers and Friends** – Amy Chivers, Kara Craig, Barb Fennema, Mike Newman, Sandy Quinn, Joseph Seefeldt, Sue Skiba, Brenda Swinhart, Knox Tonkinson, Lynn Zocolo

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Amy Chivers

**Bulletin Donors** needed for August 24, September 28, October 5, October 12, October 26, November 16, November 30, December 7, December 28. Cost is \$15.00 each Sunday.

**Flowers** have been given in celebration of the 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Lynn (Varkonda) Zocolo married on August 10, 1974 by Rev. Bruce Milligan and Father Blaine Pierce; by Richard and Sheila Lobdell in memory of Christyn Martin; and with thanks for the respite of summer vacations and safe travels.

**Carillon Schedule** – 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. Each chime starts with 3 bells, then 1 minute later, a random hymn plays.

**The Summer Concert Series** will be held at Waterworth Park tonight at 6:00 p.m. featuring *Jimmy and the Soul Blazers*, a high energy show of Motown music and “Cars of the Decades” Display. It is also Salem High School Alumni Night. Admission is free and attendees are reminded to bring lawn chairs. A vendor is available to purchase food and soft drinks.

### **Denise’s Big Back Yard**

Come join us under the large tent at 6 p.m. this Wednesday for our last gathering for the summer. Program will be “Reptile Rescue”.

### **Mill Creek Watershed Clean-Up Volunteers Needed**

Saturday, August 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / East Newport Boat Launch, East Newport Dr., Boardman 44512 / Gloves, Bags, and Good Vibes Provided / Questions? Call 330-740-7995

Volunteer sign-ups at:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/k6svft9>

**The First Presbyterian Church Preschool is accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year.** The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children. The Preschool staff is dedicated to maintaining a positive, nurturing environment promoting creativity, curiosity, and kindness. Our Preschool follows a Christian theme and participates in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" system. We have an Early Childhood degreed teacher and experienced staff. Financial assistance is available through Job and Family Services for those qualifying. Children will develop skills needed for kindergarten readiness. Call 330-332-8620 for more information.

**The First Presbyterian Preschool** is continuing 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. If you have any questions concerning this initiative, contact any member of the Preschool Board – Chelsey Hovanic, Alice Jackson, Jean McCool, Wanda Navoyosky, Ruth Newman, Carol Ricciardi, Annie Parker, Cara Stephens.

### **Vision Statement**

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