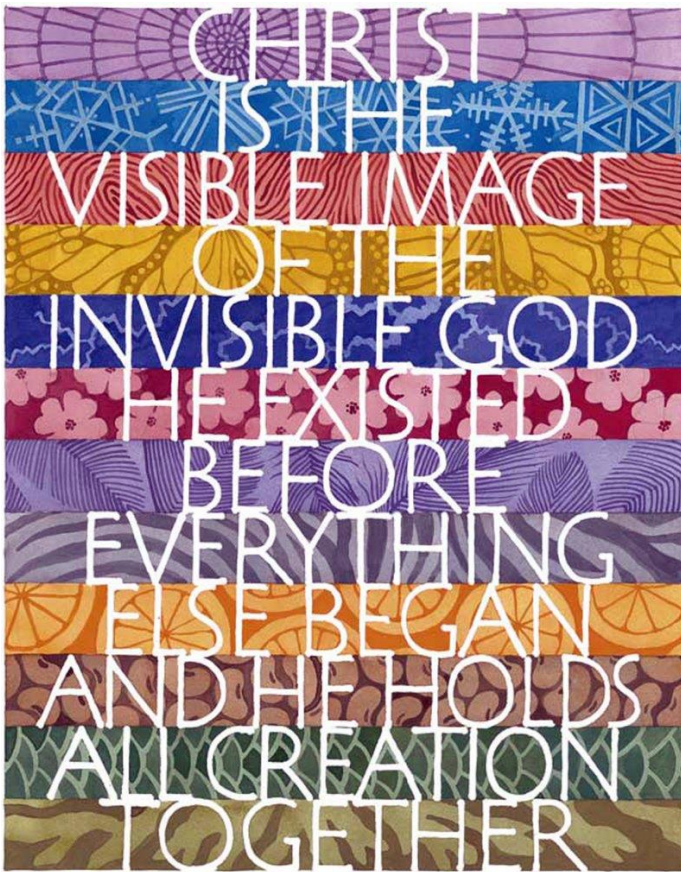


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Tenth 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.fpcsalem.org.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Choral Song

Samuel Wesley, 1810-1876

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dale Wood

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

PRELUDE

Air

G.F. Handel, 1685-1759

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship Christ:

**A carpenter's son, King of Kings,
The lamb and shepherd, light and shelter.**

We come to worship Christ:

**Our host and meal, teacher and lesson,
Alpha and omega, rabbi and Lord.**

We come to worship Christ:

**Our teacher, savior, redeemer and friend,
fully human, fully God.**

*HYMN 49

Once in Royal David's City

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We believe that Jesus was fully God and fully human and because of that Jesus can sympathize with us over our sin and brokenness. Jesus felt the weight of temptation and the swaying power of "going with the flow" instead of disrupting the brokenness all around us. Let us confess our sins to the one who knows our temptation and longs to grant us grace.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)**

**Merciful Christ, forgive us
when we ignore your call to follow you,
stray from your teachings,
jockey for power and privilege,
and deny all that you are.
Give us the same grace
you gave your first wayward disciples:
the gift of your presence,
the gift of your correction,
the gift of your forgiveness,
and the gift of your spirit.
Guide us ever more into living in your image,
becoming like the Christ we love.
In your saving name we pray. Amen.**

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus was perfect, he did not sway or waiver or give into sin. But he warned us about convincing ourselves that we too are without sin. As we see and speak our sin, we are confident that Christ hears and forgives us.
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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pass it On

Kurt Kaiser

Brielle Spencer, Vocal; Jan Cox, Piano

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Father God, we long to hear your voice, to know your wisdom and to walk in your ways. We thank you for the living gift of your word, write it in our hearts and minds so that we would always be led by you. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:54-58

⁵⁴ He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor except in their own hometown and in their own house." ⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Unwanted Answer

Jan Cox, Piano

Stephen Navoyosky

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-18

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

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

SERMON

"Jesus"

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 308

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; based on Ephesians 3*)

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

A LITURGICAL CALENDAR MEDLEY

P & M / Quinn Project

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Paul Manz

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Holy God, you know our needs as people, we need food and shelter and much more. Out of your generosity you bless us with providence and care, teach us to follow your leading and to be generous to all who long and are in need. Take our gifts

and multiply them to bring your goodness to every one of our neighbors. 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 302

I Danced in the Morning

*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

Voluntary in D Major

Bert Landman

*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

1. Does it change how you think about Jesus if he is fully human vs a spirit?
2. What did Jesus enjoy about his life on earth, where did he find God's goodness and joy? Where do you find God's goodness and joy in the world?
3. If Jesus came to earth during our lifetime, who would he be drawn to eat with, listen to and help? Who are we being called to eat with, listen to and help?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Bulletins have been given anonymously to the Glory of God. Open dates are 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 by Sam, Julie, and Paige Johnson in memory of Marilyn Loudon; by Rich and Pat Eichler in honor of Nova Eichler's Birthday; and anonymously with joyful praise to our awesome God.

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 *John Hampu Band*, classic rock from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Admission is free and attendees are reminded to bring lawn chairs. A vendor is available to purchase food and soft drinks.

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, Pastor Annie Parker, Cara Stephens.

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

Do You Have Old, Unused and Unwanted Electronics Lying around the House and Taking Up Space? I know we all probably have drawers with unused electronics. You don't have to throw it away and have it add one more item to the local garbage dump. Instead, you can do something good for the earth and help a local, small business. Summit e-Waste Recycling Solutions at the Walborn Reservoir located at 11324 Price St NE in Alliance has a dumpster where you can bring electronics for recycling. Call them at 330-800-6657. They take computers, modems, routers, servers, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, small printers, cables, wires, power adaptors, and computer monitors.

Recycling News: John Repella is looking for any metal he can recycle. Give him a call to arrange a pickup, 234-320-1144. Mention you are from First Presbyterian Church.

Vision Statement

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

Tuesday, August 19

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 21

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 Regular Session Meeting (Library/Hybrid)

Saturday, August 23

11:30 Memorial Service for Ruth Varkonda (Sanctuary)
followed by Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 24

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

Tuesday, August 26

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 28

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00-7:30 Preschool Open House

Sunday, August 31

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship – *Brass*

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