

First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

August 24, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Processional for a Joyful Day*

*Dale Wood*

*Morning Has Broken*

*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

*Hymnus*

*A. von Fielitz*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called together to be the church:

**People of the Book, the water, the bread and wine;**

People of grace and mercy, of wisdom and justice;

**People who sin and strive, forgive and wrestle with faith.**

We are called together to be the church:

**To offer our imperfect praises to our perfect God.**

### \*HYMN 439

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God calls us here to be one holy and universal church. Even as we answer that call we bring our brokenness and sin. Let us confess our sin, trusting God to forgive us and make us holy.

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

**Merciful Christ, we confess**

**that we have fallen short**

**of all that "holy" means.**

**You have set us apart for your service,  
but we have followed the crowd.  
You have called us to live in fellowship,  
but we have demanded our own ways.  
You have drawn us together in love,  
but we have drawn lines to exclude.  
Help us to hunger for your holiness again:  
holiness that holds fast to all that is good,  
holiness that follows in your own loving footsteps.  
In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Who is in a position to condemn us for our sin?

**Only Christ!**

Christ died for us, Christ prays for us and Christ is the head of our church, uniting us and making us holy.

**In Jesus Christ we are a new creation!**

**\*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*)

**Holy God, you have made us one church, your body, your hands  
and feet in this world. Quiet us now to hear you so we may  
faithfully follow you in all that we say and do.**

**THE FIRST READING**

*Numbers 11:10-30*

<sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup> So Moses said to the Lord,

“Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom as a wet nurse carries a nursing child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me, saying, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup> So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you. <sup>17</sup> I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself. <sup>18</sup> And say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wailed in the hearing of the Lord, saying, “If only we had meat to eat! Surely it was better for us in Egypt.” Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. <sup>19</sup> You shall eat not only one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, <sup>20</sup> but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you—because you have rejected the Lord who is among you and have wailed before him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?” ’ ” <sup>21</sup> But Moses said, “The people I am with number six hundred thousand on foot, and you say, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month!’ <sup>22</sup> Are there enough flocks and herds to slaughter for them? Are there enough fish in the sea to catch for them?” <sup>23</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Is the Lord’s power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.”

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the Lord came down in the

cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### THE SECOND READING

*Romans 12:1-18*

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Rondo in F Major*

*Nancy McNeal, Harpsichord*

*G.F. Handel, 1685-1759*

THE THIRD READING

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Pastor Annie Parker*

The Apostle's Creed: Ancient Words, Fresh Faith:  
*The Holy Catholic Church and The Communion of Saints*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 443

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe in God**

**who loved us before we were born,  
who has high hopes for us  
and who provides for all our needs.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ**

**in whom we know God most clearly  
and see the person God means us to be.**

**We believe in the Holy Presence**

**and dare to claim the fullness of joy,  
the peace that passes all understanding,  
and the fellowship of all those who trust in God.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*Dale Wood*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**God of many gifts, your blessings are immeasurable as is your love and mercy. Teach us to be generous and loving, lead us to give as you give and care as you care. Receive our gifts and offerings and bless them to further your goodness in our world. 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 429

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

\*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

*The Rejoicing*

*Charles Callahan*

\*Please stand if you are able.

Questions for thought:

1. What does it mean to be one church?
2. What does it mean to be in communion with all of the saints of every time and place?



3. How are we called as the church to be God's hands and feet in the world?

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

**Liturgist:** Geoff Goll

**Flowers** have been given in celebration of AJ Skiba's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 27, and by Jim and Nancy McNeal in memory of our parents, Bob and Arlene Boyd and Fred and Thelma McNeal.

**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 Last Summer Concert** will be held at Waterworth Park tonight at 6:00 p.m. featuring *Boston Foreigner Experience*, a tribute band performing hits from Boston and Foreigner. There will also be "Mahoning Valley Corvette Club" Showcase. 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 enrolling 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 – Ashley Davidson, Chelsey Hovanic, Alice Jackson, Jean McCool, Wanda Navoyosky, Ruth Newman, Carol Ricciardi, Pastor Annie Parker, Cara Stephens.

### Vision Statement

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

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*

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

First Day of Presbyterian Preschool

1:00 United Quilt Guild (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 4

**6:00 Christian Education** (Library) / **Mission I and S** (Parlor)

**7:00 Property** (Library) / **Worship, Music, Arts** (Parlor)

Sunday, September 7

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

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

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