

First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



**TREASURE**  
**WHAT MATTERS**  
LUKE 12:13-21

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](http://www.fpcsalem.org).

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

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
*Pastorale*

*Tim Doran*  
*Charles Wesley*

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

### PRELUDE

*Andante Grazioso*

*W.A. Mozart*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us this day.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God has gathered us in this place.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

There are many places we could be,  
but God has brought us here.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

### \*HYMN 457

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Praise is on our lips, but in our hearts we know how far we have fallen from the glory of God. Yet God meets us in our sin, picks us up, and promises forgiveness. Let us make our confession and open ourselves to God's mercy.

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

**Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness. Our hearts are fickle, our eyes wander, and we trick ourselves into serving**

**other gods. We speak lies, accept lies, live lies, destroying others and ourselves along the way. Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you. Embolden our trust in your faithfulness and settle your truth in our hearts. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear these words from our God:

I cannot give up on you –

my compassion grows warm and tender.

When my children come trembling,

I will bring them home.

Believe the gospel.

**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**

*God Will Make A Way*

*Mike Newman, Vocal*

*Don Moen*

**THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)**

**God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. As we hear the reading of your Word, remind us that we have been raised with Christ, and inspire us to seek the things that are above, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalms 49:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, <sup>2</sup> both low and high, rich and poor together.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*Mike Newman, Trumpet*

*William G. Fischer, arr. D.R. Heier*

THE GOSPEL READING

*Luke 12:13-21*

<sup>12</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you? <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, and be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*“MINE! All mine! Are You Sure?”*

*Rev. Jan Reed*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 391

*Take My Life*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)**

**We believe that God sends us  
to tell all nations  
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and  
obedience.**

**We are to proclaim by word and deed  
that Christ gave himself to set people free  
from sin and self-hatred,  
from ignorance and disease,  
from all forms of oppression,  
and even from death.**

**We must not restrict our proclamation  
to persons just like ourselves.**

**We invite people everywhere  
to believe in Christ and become his followers.**

*(from "A Declaration of Faith", 1977)*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Through Jesus Christ, God cautions us against storing up riches for ourselves. Let us consider these things and give as our conscience directs us.

**OFFERTORY**

*O Lord Most Holy*

*Frank Asper*

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

**Holy God, we give you thanks for the richness of our lives. Bless these tithes and offerings, that they might be used as expressions of your steadfast love for those in need near and far. 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 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**

*Rondo in G*

*John Bull*

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

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

**Liturgist:** Alice Jackson

**Light-Bearer:** Bill Penfold

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously to the Glory of God.

**Flowers** have been given by Rich and Pat Eichler in loving memory of the Brain family – Virginia, Ralph, Betty, Cyndie; and by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Jason's birthday.

**Café Justo's great Organic Coffee we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour is for sale today in Fellowship Hall!** 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. *The date on the bag is not the expiration date.*

**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 *New Wave Nation*, 1980s Show Experience. 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. on Wednesdays for our weekly picnics. Sign-up sheets for side dish and dessert donations are posted in Fellowship Hall. Programs are listed below. **Any and all help is appreciated!**

- **August 6** – Learn about our Scout Troops
- **August 13** – Reptile Rescue

### **Board of Deacons – Monday, August 4**

7:00 p.m. in the Library

### **Committee Night – Thursday, August 7**

6:00 – Christian Education (L) / Mission I and S (P)

7:00 – Property & Maintenance (L) / Worship, Music, Arts (P)

## **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.

**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.

**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.

## Vision Statement

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

## Monday, August 4

**7:00 Board of Deacons** (Library)

## Tuesday, August 5

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 United Quilt Guild (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, August 6

**6:00 Denise's Big Back Yard** – *Learn about Our Scout Troops*

## Thursday, August 7

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

## Sunday, August 10

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship – *Communion*

## Monday, August 11

**7:00 Congregational Care** (Library)

## Tuesday, August 12

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at FPC in Hudson

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