

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
You Tube: [www.youtube](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM) / FPCSALEM; and
our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Allegro

G.F. Handel

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

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

Andante Religiose

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 15:1-10)

Have you come here to grumble?

No! We are here to rejoice!

Oh. Are you lost?

No! We are found!

Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

Wonderful! You are in the right place.

All are welcome here.

Let's worship God together!

*HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION (based on 1 Timothy 1:15)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. With confidence born out of faith in Christ's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison; based on Psalm 51:1-10*)

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from your love. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*based on 1 Timothy 1:14, 16*)

Hear the good news: With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy so that we may thrive in eternal life.

In Christ's name, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

May the grace of our Lord overflow for you with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

***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*)

Lord who welcomes sinners, send your Spirit to sit with us as we hear your Word proclaimed. Find us where we are lost, create in us clean hearts, and help us to see the joy of your mercy. Amen. (*based on Luke 15:1-10 and Psalm 51:10*)

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²² “For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.” ²³ I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵ I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Haviland Choir

John Ness Beck

Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCL#2595933

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Finding the Lost Sheep"

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

*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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Mickey Buck

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Rick Parks

*Peace and Global Witness Offering envelopes in pew racks.
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*)**

We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. 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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 2162; Sing the Faith*) *Grace Alone*

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

Let the Earth Rejoice

Dale Wood

*Please stand if you are able.

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Jan Cox

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Fred and Phyllis Denton in memory of our beautiful daughter-in-law, Terri Denton.

The Personnel Committee will meet this Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

Preschool Fundraiser – Heggy's Confectionery

Order today in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour, or call the Preschool, 330-332-8620, or Church Office, 330-337-9555; Milk Chocolate Covered Oreos, Milk and Dark Chocolate Buckeyes, Milk and Dark Chocolate Cashews, Milk and Dark Chocolate Pecans, Frog Mints.

Dear Church Family,

We are so thankful for the continued love and support you pour into our preschool ministry. It is because of your generosity, our little learners are growing in both faith and knowledge every day! As we begin this new school year, we are in need of some classroom supplies and snacks to keep our children's hands busy, our learning space clean, and our bellies full. If you are able, we would greatly appreciate donations of:

- Tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Play-Doh
- Crayola washable markers
- Glue Sticks
- Applesauce pouches
- Fruit cups
- Goldfish crackers
- Granola bars



Every Contribution, big or small, makes a huge difference in our preschool. Thank you for blessing our children with your kindness and generosity! With Gratitude, *First Presbyterian Preschool*

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool started last week and 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. 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.

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, September 14

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, September 15

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, September 16

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 17

6:15 Carillon Ringers (Room 200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 18

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Regular Session Meeting (Library/Hybrid) – *Note New Time*

Sunday, September 21

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, September 22

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

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