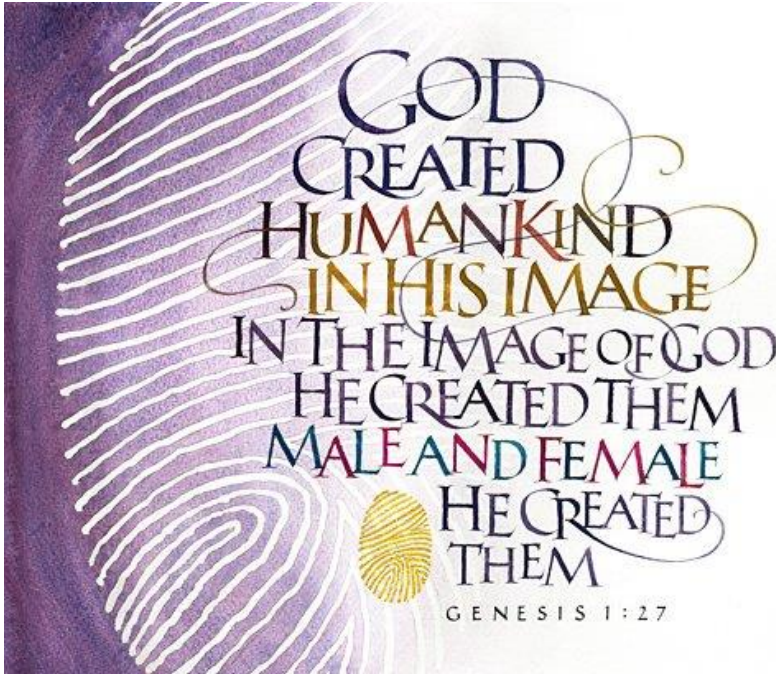


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

October 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Eighteenth 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.fpcsaalem.org.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

*Now Thank We all Our God
Built on a Rock*

*Albert Travis
Gilbert Martin*

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

PRELUDE

Chorale: O God, Thou Holy God

A. Fritzschn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is full of abundance and grace;

God blesses us by giving us all that we are and all that we have.

We bring a sacrifice of praise and lay our gifts at God's feet;

We hope God will use our gifts and ourselves to bless others as we have been blessed.

As we receive from our generous and loving God;

We turn to bless and help our neighbor.

*HYMN 276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Fear can grip our hearts, stopping us from seeing God's goodness all around us. Fear can steal away our joy and peace. But God does not give us a spirit of fear and hopelessness, instead we receive the spirit of repentance and hope, of forgiveness and love. Let us lighten the grip of fear in our hearts as we confess our sins to God saying:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy and Good God, we confess the ways in which fear has weakened our faith. We confess how the messages of scarcity have filled our ears and drowned out your messages of abundance and plenty. Help us to see the ways in which you have blessed us and given us all that we need. Help us to turn our attention outward, to see where we can help and what we have to share. In this time of silence Lord, hear our prayer.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on *Lamentations 3*)

We are filled with hope and peace when we remember;

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and his mercies never come to an end.

God's mercies are new every morning, offering us a fresh start and a clean slate to serve and worship.

Great is God's faithfulness, as God cares for our souls we are again filled with hope.

*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
Holy Manna

Carillon Ringers
arr. Sandra Eithun

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

God, we thank you for your wisdom, your love, your peace and your knowledge that you share with us as we read your word. As we read, write these words in our minds and on our hearts

so they may guide us and assure us as we go our way through the world. Let all that we say and do glorify you. Amen

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1: 9-27

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear," And it was so.

¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and he waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.

¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,

¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

¹⁶ God made the two great light-the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night-and the stars.

¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,

¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind; cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind. And it was so.

²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Go Into the World!

The Haviland Choir

Lloyd Larson

Lorenz Publishing Company, CCL#2595933

Go, I tell you go into the world!

Go and make disciples of the Lord.

Go and save the lost.

I tell you go, go into the world!

And baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

I tell you go into all the world!

Go, I tell you go into the world!

Go and teach them to obey My word,
the commands I've given you.

I tell you go, go into the world!

Know that I go with you;

I will guide you and will see you through.

I tell you go into all the world!

And as you go be faithful to your call;
your God is lord of all!
Proclaim Good News to every nation.
And as you go teach in the Savior's name,
He's evermore the same, the holy God of your salvation!
Go, I tell you go into the world!
Go and make disciples of the Lord.
Go and save the lost.
I tell you go, go into the world!
And baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
I tell you go! I tell you go!
I tell you go into all the world!
I tell you go into the world!

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? . ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing: Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,. ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *"In the Beginning.....God Gave! Pastor Annie Parker*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**All that we have is a gift from you. Lord, bless these gifts and
inspire us to use them in ways that transform and enliven your
people. May they be a blessing to those who need them most.
Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fugue No. 3 in D*
Harpsichord

G.F. Handel
Nancy McNeal

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 274**

O God of Earth and Space

***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

Hornpipe from "Water Music"

G. F. Handel

**Please stand if you are able.*

***Some of Today's Liturgy and the topic of Pastor Annie's sermon
is inspired by *God's Gift of Generosity* by Karl B. Travis.**

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Sharon Bortz

Light-Bearer:

Flowers have been given by Lois Dunn in memory of her late husband on their Wedding Anniversary.

SOCK-TOBER:

The Congregational Care Committee is asking church members to bring socks to church during the Sundays in October for The Salvation Army. Any kind of socks are welcome. Baskets for your donations will be at Sanctuary entrances each Sunday during October.

Temporary Church Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon, and closed on Friday

A New Members Class will be held today and on Sundays, October 19, and 26 after Worship, and joining the church on Sunday, November 2. If you are interested in this class, please call Pastor Annie at 330-720-5884.

Preschool Request for Donations

If you are able, we would greatly appreciate donations of Kleenex, Paper Towels, 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! ~ *First Presbyterian Preschool*

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

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, October 12

11:30 New Members Class (Library)

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, October 13

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, October 14

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 15

6:00 Personnel (Parlor)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 16

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Session (Library) Note new time!

Sunday, October 19

9:00 Sunday School for Pre-K to 12th Grade

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

11:30 New Members Class (Library)

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

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