

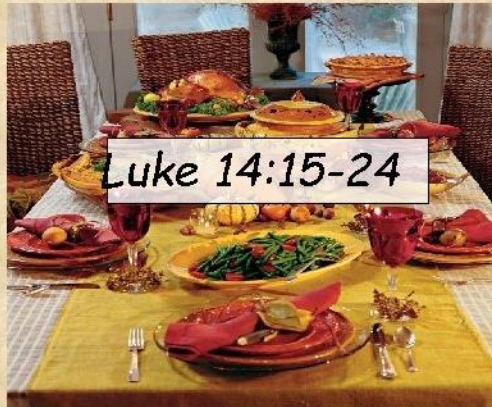
First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

October 19, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parable of The Great Supper



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

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Andante

AJ. Gordon
Felix Mendelssohn

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

PRELUDE

Come Just As You Are

Haldor Lillenas

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 553

For the Fruit of all Creation

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are
sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

For the gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.

In our world-wide task of caring, For the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

The world tells us to follow the status quo;

But God calls us to a different path.

The world tells us we can't make a difference;

But God tells us that with a small gift he can feed thousands.

All: Let us confess the ways in which the world's words drown out God's in our hearts.

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

Holy God we confess how comparison can steal away our joy, we confess how we doubt our own ability to create goodness in our world. We think of your great saints and wonder if our goodness and generosity are even an inch to their mile. We doubt your power to work for good through all that we say and do. Help us to see and know the ways in which you magnify our gifts. How our kindness and generosity can span miles and reach far when you bless our gifts

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on *Romans 8*)**

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Not death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation.

For God works through all things to bring goodness to us and the world.

We thank God for the love and grace given to us this day and

always!

*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*)

Father God, speak to us through these words, comfort our hearts and stir our souls to action. Let these words mold us into your image, so we might love as you love and bless our neighbor as you would. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-8

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures^[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

In The Garden

Miles / Wagner, CCL#2595933

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God
discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me, And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His, I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling.
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling, *Refrain*

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' ²⁰ Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' ²² And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' ²³ Then the master said to the

slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“Giving for God”

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 391

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

*Take my moments and my days: Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use, Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; A Declaration of Faith, 1985*)

We acknowledge no other God.

We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.

**We must not yield unconditional obedience
to any other power.**

**We must not love anyone or anything
more than we love God.**

We praise and enjoy God.

To worship God is highest joy.

To serve God is perfect freedom.

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

God, you bless our giving so that we may share with our brothers and sisters around the world. Let your love and grace be spread along with these gifts, touching everyone of your children. 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 369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hugh Livingston

*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: Lynn Zocolo

Light-Bearer:

Bulletins: Given by the Melvin and Virginia Wilms Family in
memory of Lawrence Wilms.

Flowers: Given by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Barb's
birthday and granddaughter Haley: and anonymously to the Glory
of God.

We Welcome Jan Cox as our organist this morning.

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 continue today and on Sunday, October 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.

Preschool Candy orders can be picked up in the Sanctuary.

Soup to Go: We will be making soup on Saturday, October 25 at the church and selling it on Sunday, October 26 for \$5.00 a jar. If

possible, please consider adding a small donation when you purchase your soup and please return the jars and lids.

Preschool Trunk or Treat – Tuesday, October 28:

This year's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Tuesday evening October 29. You are invited to use your imagination to decorate your trunk and bring a bag of treats to hand out to the children. Please have your car in place in the parking lot by 5:40. This year, the preschoolers will also be voting and selecting their favorite trunk and awarding the "Golden Pumpkin Award".

A Gentle reminder to everyone who uses the church kitchen for events. Please remember to take home all leftover food. Do not leave anything in the refrigerator. Thank You!

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, October 19

11:30 New Members Class (Library)

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, October 20

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, October 21

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 22

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 23

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, October 24

No School - Salem

Sunday, October 25

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)

11:30 Soup to Go

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

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