

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 14, 13-21

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

Pastoral Scene (Organ)

W.A. Mozart

"Trumpet Tune" (Brass and Timpani)

Henry Purcell

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

PRELUDE

"Ayre" (Brass and Timpani)

Henry Purcell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 112)

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever;

Let us praise the Lord!

*HYMN 422

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,

From Your rich and endless store:

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,

Costly cross, grave's shattered door.

Gifted by You, we turn to You,

Offering up ourselves in praise:

Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone:

Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call.
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love.

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

"Trumpet Tune #2"

Brass and Timpani

Henry Purcell

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life: through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 17: 8-16

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was

there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir, Organ, Brass and Timpani

“Lord, in All Love”

Arr. John Fersuson CCL#2595933

Lord, in all love, my heart sincere

Begs you, most kind and good keep near me with your joyful blessings.

In neither care for earth not sky, If you are mine and stay close by, the world's not worth possessing.

When my heart breaks, worn thin with grief, You shall be there, my sure relief, My comfort and my future good, who have redeemed me with your blood.

Lord Jesus Christ, My Lord and God deliver me, from sin and shame forever free.

All that I have has come from you, So body, soul and goods are due in thankful adoration: I offer up what I receive, My suff'ring neighbor to relieve from want and deprivation.

Protect me from satanic lies, Misleading, hurtful compromise.
Support me, Lord, beneath each cross, that patiently I bear
each loss: Lord Jesus Christ, Mu Lord and God! When I face
death, Be there to soothe my anxious breath!

Then send your angels where I lie: To raise me up and I'll defy
Death and the grave, in God's name! Take me to live in joy
with you, My soul and body bright and new, my face no longer
tear-stained. I have been saved, the sacrifice Of Jesus opened
paradise, I do believe through Jesus' blood I shall know love, I
shall see God. Lord Jesus Christ! With all the saints in earth
and heav'n I'll praise your name: Amen! Amen!

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14: 13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothig here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Lord, You Give The Great Commission:

“Heal The Sick And Preach The Word.”

Lest The Church Neglect Its Mission

And The Gospel Go Unheard,

Help Us Witness To Your Purpose

With Renewed Integrity:

With The Spirit’s Gifts Empower Us

For The Work Of Ministry.

Lord, You Call Us To Your Service:

“In My Name Baptize And Teach.”

That The World May Trust Your Promise,

Life Abundant Meant For Each,

Give Us All New Fervour, Draw Us

Closer In Community:

With The Spirit’s Gifts Empower Us

For The Work Of Ministry.

Lord, You Make The Common Holy:

“This My Body, This My Blood.”

Let Us All, For Earth’s True Glory,

Daily Lift Life Heavenward,

Asking That The World Around Us

Share Your Children’s Liberty:

With The Spirit’s Gifts Empower Us

For The Work Of Ministry.

Lord, You Show Us Love’s True Measure:

“Father, What They Do, Forgive.”

Yet We Hoard As Private Treasure

All That You So Freely Give.
May Your Care And Mercy Lead Us
To A Just Society:
With The Spirit's Gifts Empower Us
For The Work Of Ministry.

Lord, You Bless With Words Assuring:
"I Am With You To The End."
Faith And Hope And Love Restoring,
May We Serve As You Intend,
And, Amid The Cares That Claim Us,
Hold In Mind Eternity:
With The Spirit's Gifts Empower Us
For The Work Of Ministry.

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

We sing of a church

**seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.**

We are called together by Christ

**as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved,
living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place**

We sing of God's good news lived out,

**a church with purpose:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
a community held and inspired by God.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Be Still and Know

arr. Fred Bock

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

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

God, of all goodness, mercy and love, we thank you for the generous gifts you gave to us and your providence and presence that is with us always. Bless thee gifts we've given to you. Multiply them and use them to bless the world, and to bring your peace to every corner of the earth. 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 428**

We Give You but Thy Own

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give.

To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,

To teach the way of life and peace—
It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

***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

The Heavens Are Telling

Benedetto Marcello

Organ, Grass and Timpani

*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: Noelle Latham

Light-Bearer:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Given by Rich Eichler in honor of Pat's birthday; and anonymously with thankfulness for all our Saints who guided and directed us.

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 after Worship and joining the church on Sunday, November 2.

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.

Soup to Go is available after church today. The cost is \$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".

Daytimers will meet on November 5 at noon.

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 26

11:30 New Members Class (Library)

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, October 27

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, October 28

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

5:40 Preschool Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 29

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 30

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, October 31

Preschool Halloween Party

Sunday, November 2

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

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

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