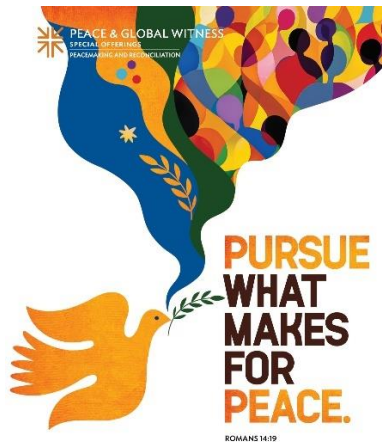


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

October 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.

World Communion Sunday



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

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

*Processional in E Flat Major
My Heart Ever Faithful*

*David N. Johnson
J.S. Bach*

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

PRELUDE

O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort *J.W. Franck, 1618-1677*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 46:1, 2a*)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear...

Let us respond to the call of the Holy Spirit;

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Perhaps we fear that if we admit the flaws of our lives, we will find ourselves too far away, unreachable by God's grace. But no chasm is too wide for God. In the act of confession, we begin the work of reconciliation, reaching out so God can take our hand once again. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O God, You reveal Your love in a world made good, in Your commands given to build community and in Your Son, sent to save us. We confess that we defile the creation, break Your commandments, and fail to live into Christ. Disaster results. In

Your mercy, help us to repent and turn away from the brink. Jesus Christ opened to us the immeasurable treasure of true life. Fill us with the Holy Spirit so that Christ's life shines through us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Romans 5:8-9*)

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

Believe the good news!

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.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Thou Vulnerable God, You commit Yourself to us. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we absorb and commit ourselves to Your Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 37:1-9

¹Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ²for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. ³Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security. ⁴Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like

the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. ⁸ Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

In Remembrance

The Haviland Choir

Buryl Red

Broadman Press, CCL#2595933

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me,
 pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in.

Take, eat, and be comforted, Drink, and remember, too,
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.
In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart.
Look in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled

with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: *"The Faith Commitment"*

RE Ruth Gerrard Cole

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

*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.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Lord, Thy Goodness Reigns

C.P.E. Bach

*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)**

**You entrust the creation to our care, so that all may thrive. We
dedicate these offerings to Your service, to show the love of
Christ in the world. 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 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Haviland Choir

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Cheryl McDevitt, Flute / Robert Barnett, Percussion

Neil A. Kjos Music Company, CCL#2595933

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again
pass the word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again
pass the word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again earth can breathe again
pass the word around: loaves abound!

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

John Stanley

*Please stand if you are able.

We Welcome Ruling Elder Ruth Gerrard Cole to our pulpit today. Ruth is a graduate of the College of Wooster, attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and completed Eastminster Presbytery's Elder Preaching Institute. A retired English teacher and an author, she is a member of the New Lisbon Presbyterian Church.

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Mike Newman

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Chancel Flowers have been given by Margaret Winch in honor of Peter's birthday and Anne Janavitz.

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.

Church Office Hours starting tomorrow are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon, and closed on Fridays.

A New Members Class will be held on Sundays, October 12, 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

Sunday, October 5

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, October 6

6:00 Board of Deacons (Library) – *Note New Time*

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Investment Committee *via Zoom*

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 United Quilt Guild (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 8

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

7:00 Finance and Administration Committee *via Zoom*

Thursday, October 9

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (Library)

Sunday, October 12

9:00 New Member Class (Parlor)

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 – *Carillon Ringers*

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Vision Statement

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

