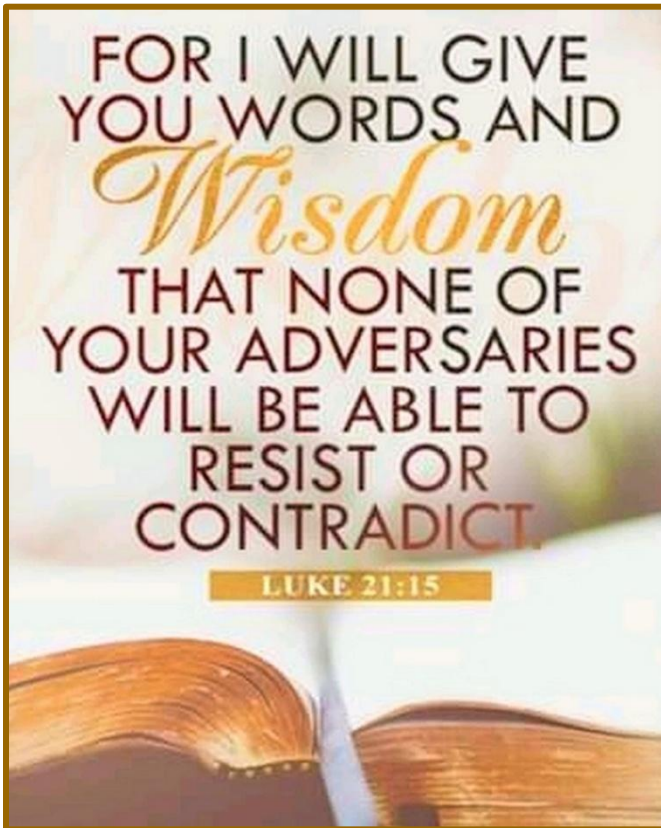


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

November 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-third 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.fpcsalem.org.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Allison Miller, Harp

*Be Thou My Vision / All Creatures of Our God and King
The King of Love My Shepherd Is / Amazing Grace*

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

PRELUDE

Chorale: Hark, A Voice Say, All Are Mortal *Bach/Schreiner*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

This day we sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

***HYMN 464**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Psalm 32:5)**

The psalmist wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us not hide

our sins from God, but confess before God and one another, assured of God's gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

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

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Responsively*)

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

Hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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

Wanda

Stephen J. Navoyosky

Allison Miller, Harp / Jan Cox, Piano

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!” Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Jesus Leads Me All the Way

The Haviland Choir

F. Crosby / M. McDonald

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All the way my Savior leads me,
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, what-e're befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.
He will lead me through deep waters;
He will guide me every day.
Put my trust in the Lord
and lean strongly on His Word,
He will lead me all the way.
Jesus leads me all the way.

All the way my Savior leads me,
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way!
He will lead me through deep waters;
He will guide me every day.
Put my trust in the Lord
and lean strongly on His Word,
He will lead me all the way.
Jesus leads me all the way.
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way, all the way.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“Starting from Scratch”

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison; from "A Song of Faith"*)

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.

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

If My People Will Pray

Jimmy Owens

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

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

Great and giving God, we know every good and perfect gift comes from you. In return, we give these offerings and pray they will not only supply the needs of others but also overflow with many thanksgivings to you. Thank you for our many blessings. Lord, show us how to use what you have given us to be a blessing to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. 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 260**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (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

I Will Give Thanks to Thee

Van Denman Thompson

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Some of the Liturgy from today's worship came from or was
inspired by Liturgy written for The Presbyterian Outlook.*

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins and Flowers have been given To the Glory of God in celebration of the 47th Wedding Anniversary of Stephen and Wanda Navoyosky.

Flowers have also been given anonymously with gratitude for the bounty of the harvest everywhere and especially for our local farms.

We Welcome Jan Cox as our organist this morning.

Order Red Poinsettias today in Fellowship Hall, call Church Office during the week, or e-mail phyllis@fpcsalem.org. The cost is \$10.00.

Fall Soup Luncheon Today

Come join us in Fellowship Hall following worship. Anyone wishing to bring their favorite soup to share would be appreciated. Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee.

Blessings Jars – In this season of Thanksgiving, the Congregational Care Committee would like the members of our church family to stop and think about just how Blessed we all are. Blessing Jars are available today for you to take and collect your pocket change. Jars should be returned on December 21 or 24.

NOTICE – By action of the Session, a Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of electing Church Officers will be held on **Sunday, November 23**, immediately following worship.

Deacons, Class of 2026:

Brenda Bradley, Lu Ann Cole

Deacons, Class of 2028:

Jan Cox, Barb Fennema, Ellen Maticcik, Sandy Quinn

Elders, Class of 2028:

Fred Denton, Geoff Goll, Bill Penfold, Mark Smith

Non-Perishable Food Drive – Scout Troop 2003G of this church is having a food drive through December 14 to benefit Salem Community Pantry and Harvesting for Hope serving Beloit and Sebring. Items should be placed in marked boxes on the stage.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.” Psalm 107:1

You may begin to notice blank paper hearts displayed around the church sanctuary and building. We invite you to join with our preschoolers in a special activity of gratitude.

Please take a moment to write something or someone you are thankful for on a heart. You can pass it along to that person as a token of appreciation and love or tape it to their door as a cheerful reminder of all of God’s blessings.

Our preschoolers have been learning to give thanks and share in God’s love, and we would love for the whole church family to join in expressing gratitude and joy together. Let’s fill the church and its halls with hearts of thanksgiving and reminders of God’s goodness all around us!

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, November 16

Fall Soup Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, November 17

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, November 18

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 19

9:00-12:00 Office Hours

3:00 Personnel Committee; Staff Evaluations (Parlor)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 20

- 9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 Calling Hours for Lorin Shepard (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 Funeral Service for Lorin Shepard (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 Regular Session Meeting** (Fellowship Hall/Hybrid)

Sunday, November 23

- 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 - *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*
 - Congregational Meeting** after Worship
 - 2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)
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