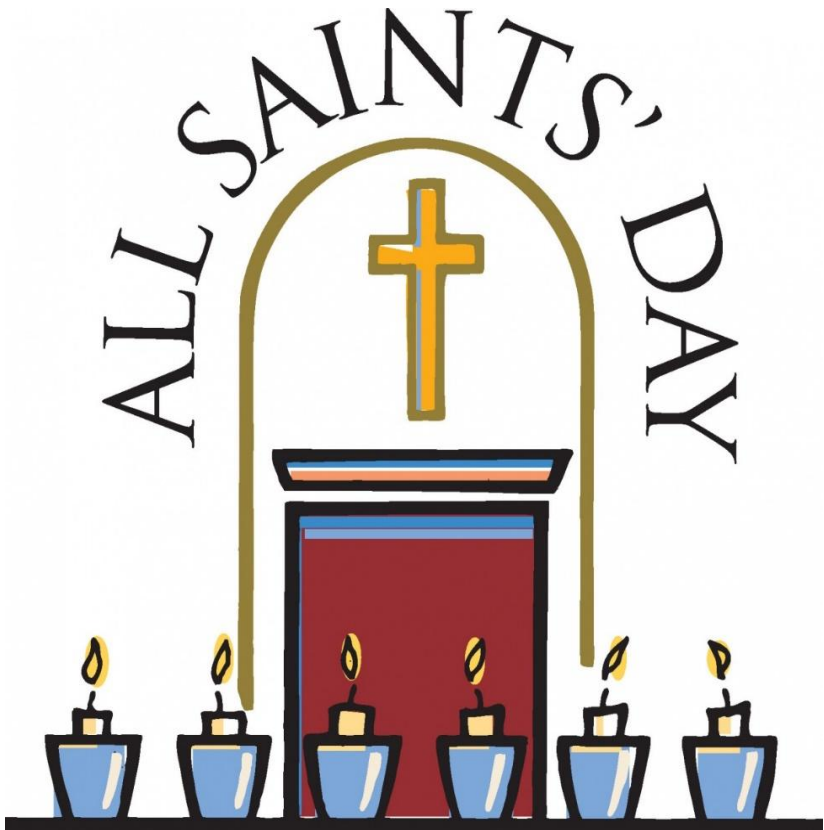


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

November 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio
You Tube: [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](https://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

Adagio from Sonata I

Mendelssohn

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

PRELUDE

Faith of our Fathers

arr. David Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures:

Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.

The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:

Lord, your creation boasts of your love.

Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator,

The author of everything that is beautiful.

*HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Book of James tells us every good thing comes from God; those good things we see and enjoy in the world and good things beyond our understanding too. Yet, the world contains ugliness. We contain ugliness. Let us confess our shortcomings as a community that we may be free to live into our God-given purpose again.

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

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved.

We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

***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*)

Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of all of our hearts be pleasing and acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our foundation. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O Lord, how long

shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore, judgment comes forth perverted.

¹ I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

arranged by Lloyd Larson

Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCL#2595933

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with Thine,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity, of Thine eternity. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Longing for the Answer"

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*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

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Charles Callahan

Loose Cash Offering today will go to our Board of Deacons.

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Today we remember the members of this congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year.

*Knox Tonkinson, Bell Ringer
Joseph Seefeldt, Light-Bearer*

Erma Eaton	November 15, 2024
Carol (McQuilkin) Dougherty	November 20, 2024
Jess Fitch	November 25, 2024
Ruth (Stratton) Varkonda	December 13, 2024
Gladys (Wright) Votaw	February 26, 2025
Archie Crum.....	March 3, 2025
Tom Shafer	March 22, 2025
Sandy (Stevens) Herman	April 6, 2025
Dick Fawcett	April 23, 2025
Ray Cox	June 30, 2025
Barbara (Thomas) Marra	July 29, 2025
Marilyn (Williams) Loudon	August 7, 2025

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 up 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 356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***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

For All the Saints

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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: Geoff Goll

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Goldie Burrier in memory of loved ones.

Flowers have also been given anonymously in celebration of Andrew Skiba's birthday on November 3.

We Welcome Nancy Howenstine as our organist this morning.

Café Justo's great Organic Coffee we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour is for sale today in Fellowship Hall! Cost is \$12.00 for a 1-pound bag of regular, decaf, or whole bean coffee. Cooperative members own the entire business from growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade Plus certification.

Organists Recital – Monday, November 3

The American Guild of Organists will host a recital at Salem First Methodist Church on Broadway Avenue at 7 p.m. The recital will feature Salem graduates Dawn Bradley-Filler (1997) and Adam Zagotti (2001). The recital will honor Nancy McNeal and her 55 years as a church organist and her career as a major factor in the musical education of Salem piano and organ students. Recital is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Salem First Methodist Church.

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

Daytimers – Wednesday, November 5

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring Covered Dish to Share.

Speakers will be Steve Gifford on Prison Ministry, and Sherry Smith from Columbiana County Jobs and Family Services for Seniors.

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*

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, November 2

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, November 3

6:00 Board of Deacons (Library)

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, November 4

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 United Quilt Guild (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 5

12:00 Daytimers (FH)

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 6

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Christian Education (L) / **Mission I and S** (P)

7:00 Property (L) / **Worship, Music, Arts** (P)

Sunday, November 9

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)

Pastor..... Rev. Annie Parker, 330-720-5884

pastorannie@fpcsalem.org

Clerk of Session..... Barbara Loudon, bloudon@neo.rr.com

Director of Music..... John Krauss, wjohnkrauss@gmail.com

Dir. Handbells/Youth Choirs Cheryl McDevitt, cheracd@aol.com

Administrative Secretary..... Phyllis Garlock, phyllis@fpcsalem.org

Financial Assistant Mary Banar, office@fpcsalem.org

Custodian..... Ed Tonkinson, mtonkinson@sbcglobal.net