

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

November 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



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

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*Arr. Don Hustad
Lowell Mason*

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

PRELUDE

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

H.P. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,
Is humbled to become one of us.

The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,
Gives us more grace than we ever realize.

The God who is wiser than we will ever know,
Teaches us all we need to become God's children.

*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

**Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides
among us. Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us
confess our sin.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by
peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness
and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have
crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us,**

we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Psalm 145*)**

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

***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*)

God of wisdom, open your word to your people today, and open the hearts of your people to your Word. Let us receive the truth that your Spirit is speaking to the church, trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-

called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir

It Is Well with My Soul

John Ness Beck

Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCL#2595933

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll –
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought –
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” it is well with my soul!
It is well with my soul, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

THE SECOND READING

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

^{15b} In the second year of King Darius, ²¹ in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ² “Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: ³ Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Looking for Something New”

Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**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.

(from "A Song of Faith", The United Church of Canada, 2006)

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Arr. Fred Bock

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**O God, may the resources that are gathered here be a blessing
to the world you so love. Guard our paths and do not let our
feet slip; keep us as the apple of your eye. Give us wisdom and
humility as we seek to be faithful stewards of all your good
gifts. 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 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

*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

All Creatures of Our God and King

Arr. Don Hustad

*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: Ruth Newman

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins have been given by The Melvin and Virginia Wilms Family
in memory of Marie Kelly.

Flowers have also been given by George Bell in memory of loved ones; by Scott and Debbie Boyd in honor of our son, Donald Boyd; and anonymously in memory of Marilyn Loudon.

We Welcome Jan Cox as our organist this morning.

Thank You – It was so nice to see so many Presbyterian members to support me at the American Guild of Organists' recital November 3rd at the Salem Methodist Church. ~ *Nancy McNeal*

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

Fall Soup Luncheon – Sunday, November 16

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 will be in the Sanctuary for you to take on Sunday, November 16 for you to collect your pocket change. Jars should be returned on Sunday, December 21, or on Christmas Eve, December 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

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

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!

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, November 9

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, November 10

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

7:00 Congregational Care (Library)

Tuesday, November 11

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 12

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 13

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (Library)

7:00 Finance and Administration *via Zoom*

Sunday, November 16

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

Fall Soup Luncheon following worship (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

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Vision Statement

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