

First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



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](http://www.fpcsalem.org).

*“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
When Thou Art Near*

*Arr. David Cherwien  
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

*Wondrous Love*

*Arr. Judith L. Maggs*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait patiently for our God.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs  
of the One who calls us here.**

We will not chase after other gods.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs  
of the One in whom we can trust.**

We will tell of all God has done for us.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs  
of the One whose salvation is for all.**

### \*HYMN 151

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Accompanied by The Carillon Ringers*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

**God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing  
to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor  
choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me, as  
we pray together, saying,**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance but prefer to swap stories and gossip.

There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all that God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

**I will sing of God's love for me;**

**I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.**

**Thanks be to God. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

*The Carillon Ringers*

*Arr. Sandra Eithun*

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.  
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and  
strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus  
Christ, Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**This is the Word of the LORD!  
Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*Sing and Praise His Wondrous Love*

*The Haviland Choir*

*Craig Courtney*

*Mike Newman, Trumpet*

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For the joys of full salvation  
And the peace those joys afford:  
Let our souls, and all within us,  
Magnify and praise the Lord.

Praise him, all ye floods of ocean;  
Praise him, all ye stars above:  
Praise him, every living creature;  
Praise and sing his wondrous love.

We were lost till Jesus found us,  
Till his blood our ransom paid;  
Now the gate of life is open,  
Full atonement he has made.

Praise him, all ye floods of ocean;  
Praise him, all ye stars above:  
Praise him, every living creature;  
Praise and sing his wondrous love.

Sound aloud the gospel trumpet,  
Shout aloud the sweet refrain:  
Blessed be the Lord forever,  
Blessed be his holy name.

Praise him, all ye floods of ocean;  
Praise him, all ye stars above:  
Praise him, every living creature;  
Praise and sing his wondrous love.

#### THE GOSPEL READING

*John 1:29-42*

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the

Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"*What Do We Call You?*"

*Rev. Annie Parker*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 383

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*Accompanied by Mike Newman, Trumpet*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe in God**

**who loved us before we were born,  
who has high hopes for us**

and who provides for all our needs.

We believe in Jesus Christ

in whom we know God most clearly  
and see the person God means us to be.

We believe in the Holy Presence

and dare to claim the fullness of joy,  
the peace that passes all understanding,  
and the fellowship of all those who trust in God.

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

*Lynn Zocolo*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Take My Life*

*Penny Rodriguez*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. 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 411

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

*Accompanied by Mike Newman, Trumpet*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Unison; Hymn 2130, The Summons)**

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Praise To God*

*J.S. Bach*

*\*Some of today's liturgy came from or was  
inspired by the Lectionary Liturgies Blog.*

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Lynn Zocolo

**Light-Bearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins and Flowers** have been given anonymously for the Blessings of God. Please call the Church Office if you have a standing bulletin and/or flower order and wish to continue in 2026.

**January 24 – Community Fundraiser benefiting our Preschool** will be held at Bob Evans in Salem from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please bring the flyer included with this bulletin so 15% of net sales can be donated to the Preschool. The flyer includes Take Out.

**Soup to Go – Next Sunday, January 25 – Chili**

Quart containers of Chili will be available for \$7.00. Please return jars and lids.

**Daytimers – Wednesday, February 4**

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring covered dish to share.  
We will be making Valentines to distribute to church members.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be convened on Sunday, February 8 immediately after morning worship for the purposes of receiving reports and electing officers. 2025 Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, February 1.

**2026 Church Membership Directory** (no pictures) will be available soon. To enhance communications, please let the Church Office know if you no longer have a landline phone and are using a cell phone number, 330-337-9555, or send an e-mail to [phyllis@fpcsalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsalem.org).

**Per Capita Apportionment for 2026** is \$35.00 per Active Member. Per Capita is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery for each member of the congregation.

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, January 18

**Personnel Committee Meeting** after church in Parlor

Tuesday, January 20

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, January 22

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

**6:00 Regular Session Meeting** (Library/Hybrid)

Saturday, January 24

9:00 Making Soup to Go (Kitchen)

Sunday, January 25

9:00 Sunday School for Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade / Adults (Library)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 Service of Worship – *Western Reserve Brass*  
**Soup to Go – Chili - \$7.00**  
2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, January 26

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

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