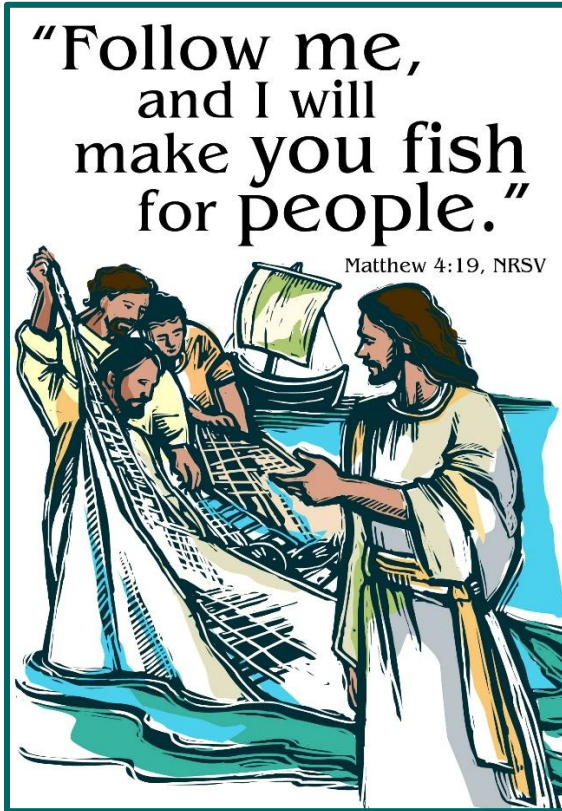


First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

January 25, 2026

10:30 a.m.

3<sup>rd</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

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus  
The Spagnoletta (Brass)*

*Arr. Harold DeCou  
Giles Farnaby*

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

### PRELUDE

*Dreams (Brass)*

*Giles Farnaby*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:  
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,  
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,  
**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,  
**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,  
**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up  
whole lives, whole peoples,  
**we proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,  
**we proclaim the God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together  
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. I invite you to join me as we confess our brokenness to God, praying,

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**God, our Light and Salvation,  
forgive us for those moments when we have walked in  
darkness,  
stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and  
bickering.  
You have called us to follow you and to fish for people  
but too often we think that *our* way is the *only* way to do  
your will.  
Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon  
ourselves.  
God, the Stronghold of our Life,  
hear our cry as we come to you for unity.  
Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us.  
Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.  
Teach us that the "same mind" you call us to have  
is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.  
**And God has multiplied our joy!**  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel;  
**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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The New Sa-hoo (Brass)*

*Giles Farnaby*

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

*Psalms 27:1, 4-9*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*The Haviland Choir, Piano, Brass, and Timpani*

*At the Name of Jesus*

*Lloyd Larson*

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At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure that we should call Him Lord,  
who from, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom He came,  
faithfully He bore it spotless to the end,  
brought it back victorious, Jesus, Savior, Friend.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue,  
let Him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true.  
Crown Him King of glory in temptation's hour;  
Crown Him and let His will enfold,  
enfold you in its light and power.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring for the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue  
confess, confess Him King, King of glory now!  
Crown Him Lord of all!

THE GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 4:12-23*

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON      *“Hear Me When I Call to You!”*      Rev. Annie Parker

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

\*HYMN 388

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**God has not waited to be discovered.**

**The Lord has taken the initiative**

**and addressed the Word to humankind in many ways.**

**Through the Word of God the world was created.**

**The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ.**

**Through the Word of God the New Creation**

**is being formed.**

**We believe God's Word is God's communication to us.**

**Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways,  
we confidently listen for God's Word  
in Jesus Christ,  
in holy Scripture,  
in preaching and the sacraments.**

*(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Be Still My Soul*

*John Sibelius*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

**Use our gifts, Loving God, so others might not be scared by life;  
so they may be sheltered in the blanket of your grace; so they  
might find a home with us as their family. In Jesus' name, we  
pray. 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 341

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

\*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

*Prelude to Te Deum*

*Brass, Organ, Timpani*

*M.A. Charpentier*

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

**Today's appearance of the Western Reserve Brass** is underwritten  
by the many donors to our Music Fund.

Terry Gale (Trumpet), John Veneskey (Trumpet),  
James Scanga (Horn), Jonathan Willis (Trombone),  
Benjamin Ammon (Tuba), Robert Barnett (Timpani)

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

**Liturgist:** Barb Yonker

**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.

**Soup to Go Today – Chili**

Quart containers of Chili will be available for \$8.00 for 1 or \$15.00  
for 2 in the Kitchen. If at all possible, please consider adding a small  
donation when you purchase your soup. 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 next 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 25

**Soup to Go** – *Chili* - \$8.00 for 1 and \$15.00 for 2

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, January 26

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, January 27

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 28

6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, January 29

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 1

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

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, February 2

**1:00 Board of Deacons** (Library) – *Note New Time*

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

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