

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

February 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent



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.fpcsaalem.org.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE

Air

The Spagnoletta (Brass)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone — God is with us.

**We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

*HYMN 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

In a time of testing, let us pause to examine our own hearts, looking for how we have failed to live up to that which God has commanded.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the east is from the west:

So far have our transgressions been removed from us!

Hear and receive the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven! 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

The New Sa-hoo (Brass)

Giles Farnaby

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Still-speaking God, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear, and by hearing, grow in faith and love. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

³ ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir, Organ, Brass, Timpani

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. John Ferguson

Hope Publishing Company, CCL#2595933

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee:
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Oh, join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Congregation and Choir)

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

Choir Only – Great is thy faithfulness! Alleluia. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Not Today Satan"

Rev. Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

teaching by word and deed,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church. Amen.

(Abridged from Book of Confessions)

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Take these, our gifts, as we offer them today, O God. Use them for your glory and kingdom's expansion. May these gifts go toward freeing the captives, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and healing the world. As Christ's body, use us too, in service to repairing the breached, broken places in our community. 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 (*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

Western Reserve Brass

Andy Schuller, Terry Gale (Trumpets)
James Scanga (Horn)
John Olsson (Trombone)
Benjamin Ammon (Tuba)
Robert Barnett (Percussion)

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Tegan Jackson

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins have been given by Sam and Julie Johnson in memory of loved ones.

Flowers have been given anonymously to thank God for our wonderful country and to our founding fathers and presidents who prayerfully sought God's guidance and direction in creating our country and making it truly one country under God.

Environmental Team will be meeting today in the Library immediately following worship.

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.

Lent Study starting Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m.

The class will continue on Tuesdays through March 31 in the Library. Led by Pastor Annie, discussion will be on the book "An Unexpected Lent".

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 e-mail phyllis@fpcsalem.org.

Daytimers – Wednesday, March 4

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring covered dish to share.

Lent and Easter

at First Presbyterian Church of Salem



Sermon Series

Heart to Heart Talks

Bible Study

An Unexpected Lent

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Library
February 24 – March 31

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Service of Tenebrae

Easter Worship

April 5

Sunrise Service at 8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Vision Statement

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

Monday, February 22

Soup to Go – Chili (Kitchen)

Environmental Team meeting in Library after Worship

1:00 Grandson Birthday Party (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, February 23

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, February 24

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Bible Study, *An Unexpected Lent* (Library)

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, February 26

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 28

12:00-8:00 Troop 2003G Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 1

9:00 Sunday School for Pre-K to 12th Grade / Adults (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 Service of Worship

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

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