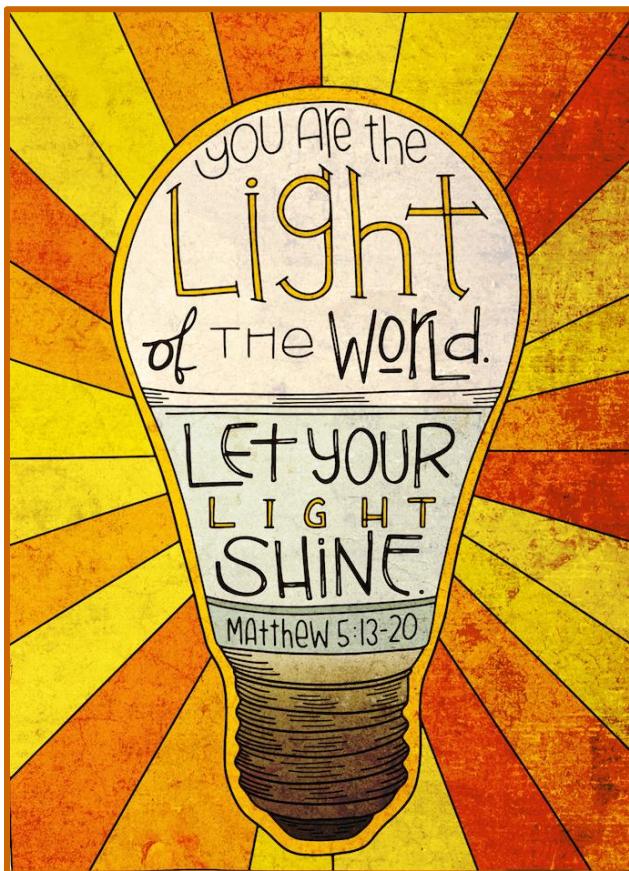


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

February 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

5th 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.

"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE

Priere

Intermezzo

David Hegarty

James Mansfield

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

PRELUDE

The Lord is My Light

Frances Allitsen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to be light,
we would carry God's hope
into the shadows of the world.
Called to be salt,
we would enhance the lives
of those around us, with joy.
Called to live in God's reality,
we would welcome everyone
as sisters and brothers in faith.

*HYMN 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

This is what God hopes for us – that we will speak of the mistakes we make, so we might be forgiven. Relying on the Spirit for the right words, let us pray together, saying,

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.

Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God will show us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God of salvation!

**God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes,
fills our emptiness with hope and joy.**

Thanks be to God, we are 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

Day by Day

The Carillon Ringers

Arr. Sandra Eithun

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

**Eternal God,
your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible
and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day.**

**Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob
their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did
not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me
righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves,
but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on
your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a
wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your
voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to
bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and
ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of
injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed
go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the
homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to
cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your
healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before
you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for
help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from
among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of
the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your
gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in
parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be

like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Grace Alone

The Haviland Choir

Arr. Tom Fettke

Alfred Music Publishing, CCL#2595933

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.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise 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.
We will go forth, we will go forth,
we will go forth in grace alone.
Amazing grace, amazing grace.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the LORD.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Fulfilling the Law”

Rev. Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 108

Christ is Alive!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

We believe that we have been created to relate to God and to each other in freedom and responsibility.

Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt.

We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.
(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presentation of Troop 3 Charter

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

When I Consider How the Father Loves

Penny Rodriguez

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, be used to fix breakfast for hungry children, to shower others with grace, and to patch the potholes poverty has created in the roadways of the kingdom. This we ask 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 405

What Does the Lord Require

*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

Festal Piece

G.F. Handel

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

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

Flowers have been given by Mary Bryan in memory of loved ones, by Ellen Matiscik in memory of Frank, and by Jim and Ruth Newman in memory of Robert and Mary Stamp, and Carl and Helen Newman.

Troop Scout Leaders

Cub Scouts Pack 3 – Bob Minor, Cubmaster

Troop 3 – Ryan Gillis, Scoutmaster

Troop 3 – Mark Smith, Chartered Organization Representative

Troop 2003G – Krista Haas, Scoutmaster

Troop 2003G Assistant Scoutmasters – Cristin Thompson, Marsha McCartney, Aubrey Witherstine, Elizabeth Gillis

Troop 2003 G Advancement Chair – Kaitlynn Haas

Committee Members – Rev. Frank Lewis, Chairman; John Barnett, Geoff Goll, Clay Haas, Brenda Moser, Mark Smith, Jud Smith

Treasurer – Grace Seefeldt

Scout Troop 2003G is having a Bake Sale today in Fellowship Hall.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be convened today immediately after morning worship for the purposes of receiving reports and electing officers. 2025 Annual Reports are available at Sanctuary entrances.

Soup to Go was cancelled January 25 and February 1 due to the weather. Watch for new date!

Ash Wednesday – February 18

Partnering with Columbiana Presbyterian Church in a service at Noon followed by a luncheon in Columbiana, and an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. at our church in Salem.

Environmental Team – Sunday, February 22

Meeting in the Library immediately following morning Worship

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.

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. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, February 8

Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, February 9

6:30 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, February 10

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 11

6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

7:00 Finance Committee via Zoom

Thursday, February 12

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (Library)

Sunday, February 15

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

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 Service of Worship

Tuesday, February 17

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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