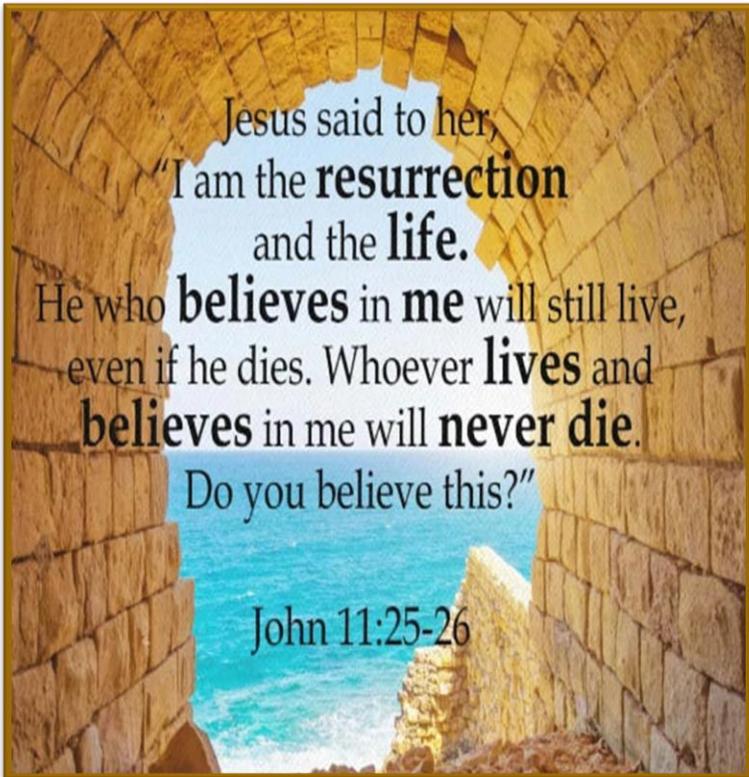


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

March 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

5th 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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Arr. Dale Wood

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Arr. Dale Wood

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

PRELUDE

When Jesus Wept

William Billings

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 130*)

Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

Let your ears hear our supplication.

We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

Come. Let us worship God.

*HYMN 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now,
together and then privately and silently, to confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the
demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We
tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of
those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to
do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for**

your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Psalm 130, The Message*)

“If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance?

As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that’s why you’re worshiped.”

Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, we come before you now to worship you and listen to your Word. Open our ears to hear. May we understand your Word more fully and follow the path you have set before us. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

The Haviland Choir

Craig Courtney

Lorenz Publishing Company, CCL#2595933

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended
that we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving.
Ah, holy Jesus.

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the

life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^[g] the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Too Little, Too Late?”

Rev. Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

We place our hope in God.

We sing of a life beyond life

and a future good beyond imagining:

a new heaven and a new earth,

the end of sorrow, pain, and tears,

Christ’s return and life with God,

the making new of all things.

We yearn for the coming of that future,

even while participating in eternal life now.

(from The United Church of Canada)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Mickey Buck

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Just As I Am

William B. Bradbury

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering envelopes are in Pew Racks.

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you, fruits of our labors and a token of our appreciation for everything that you have done for us and given to us. We pray that you guide their use for the welfare of your people. 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 438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 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

Praise to God

Johann Sebastian Bach

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Sue Skiba

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins have been given anonymously with thanks to our Elders for their leadership in the “workings” of our church.

Flowers have been given anonymously to welcome Spring and God’s renewal of flowers and the vernal Equinox on March 20; and by Lois Dunn in memory of the birthday of father, Louis Weirick, who was a lifelong member, Sunday School teacher, and an Elder.d

Updated Membership Directories are available at Sanctuary entrances.

Preschool Easter Egg Hunt – Friday, March 27

Last year many of you filled plastic eggs for their hunt and the children had so much fun. If you would like to fill some plastic eggs this year, please leave them on the table outside of the Preschool door by Monday, March 23. Thank you so much!

Maundy Thursday Worship – April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper / Tenebrae

Good Friday Worship – April 3 at Noon

Easter Worship – April 5

Sunrise Service at 8:30 a.m. Outside (Chapel if raining)

Traditional Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world provides relief from natural disasters (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), food for the hungry (Presbyterian Hunger Program), and support for the poor and

oppressed (Self-Development of People). Please give what you can. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Vision Statement

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

Sunday, March 22

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, March 23

6:30 2003 Family Troop (Basement)

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 Lent Study (Library)

Wednesday, March 25

6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, March 26

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Palm Sunday, March 29

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

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) – *Congregational Care*

10:30 Service of Worship

2:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement)

Monday, March 30

6:30 2003 Family Troop (Basement)

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