

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

May 24, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Youth Sunday



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

Come Down, O Love Divine (Organ) *Ralph Vaughn Williams*
Canzona per sonare No. 2 (Brass) *Giovanni Gabrieli*

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

PRELUDE

America (Brass) *Arr. Stephen Bulla*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Across the plains and the prairies,

Through gorges and valleys,

Over mountain peaks and through sunlit skies:

God's Spirit is at work in the world.

In our hearts,

In our minds,

In our hands and feet,

God's Spirit is at work in us, too.

So let us worship God.

*HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we say that we are without sin, then the truth is not in us and we deceive ourselves. When we are willing to confess, God is just as willing to forgive. Let us confess our sin together, saying,

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Jesus Christ, you sent the Spirit from the Father to us. You

made our hearts temples for your very presence. By your Spirit's work, you cleansed our sin and are making us into the likeness of your Son. We are so grateful for your grace, freely given to the undeserving.

We know this. And yet, we sin. We have each sinned: in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. And we keep sinning. Again and again, we forget who we are, whose we are, and whom we are in. We have grieved that same Spirit you put into our hearts.

We are sorry. Have mercy on us again, gracious Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Holy Spirit is among us. By his power and through the sacrifice of Christ, God has cleansed your sin. It is gone. You are clean. This is our God: generous, full of mercy and grace, and eager to forgive us when we seek his holy grace. Today. Tomorrow. Always. 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

God Bless America (Brass)

Arr. Tom Knox

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before

the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir, Piano, Brass

Battle Hymn of the Republic

William Steffe/Wilhousky

Bob Barnett, Side Drum; Cheryl McDevitt, Piccolo

Carl Fischer, Inc., CCL#2595933

Choir

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage

where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;

They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and
damps;

I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps,

His day is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:

As He died to make men holy, Let us live to make men free,

While God is marching on.

Congregation

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

Amen! Amen!

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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SKIT – “*Wind and Fire*”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 322

Spirit of the Living God

*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
and release to the captives.**

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.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free
to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor.**

(from “A Brief Statement of Faith,” 1991)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Important Event

Joseph Seefeldt, Piano

Robert Schumann

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nepal Offering

Mark Smith

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

See How Great a Flame Aspires (Organ)

Jason W. Krug

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, breath of life and movement of all creation, we bring these gifts today as signs of our faith and our hope in your Spirit's work among us. As you did on Pentecost, pour out your Spirit anew, leading us to speak words of welcome and love across every boundary. May these offerings support ministries that cross divides and embody the hospitality of Christ. Open our eyes to see your deeds of power and to follow where your Spirit sends. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION/LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

It filled those that were empty,

It empowered those that were weary.

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

It brought together those that were divided,

It reassured those who were afraid.

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

By its power we can walk together as one,

By its power we can find strength to share.

God, your spirit fell like tongues of fire.

By its power we can find freedom in loving each other,

By its power we can find life in you.

God, we believe you have sent your Spirit to live within us,

Your indwelling Spirit leads us into all truth.

God, we believe your Spirit teaches your followers to serve others,

Your empowering Spirit equips us with gifts for service.

God, we believe your spirit breaks down the barriers that imprison us,

Your comforting Spirit encourages us to worship God with all our hearts.

God, we believe your Spirit writes your law on our hearts,
Your liberating Spirit sets us free to love our neighbors as we do ourselves.

God we believe your Spirit calls us to follow you.

God, we believe this is the path from death to eternal life.

Now let us continue to pray as Christ taught us, saying:

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 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

*CHARGE (*Unison*)

God we go into this day knowing it is you who makes us stand firm in Christ.

We are filled with your Spirit,

We are anointed to serve,

We go out to bring resurrection life.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*2166, Sing the Faith*)

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me – King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me – never to part.

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

POSTLUDE

My Country, 'Tis of Thee (Brass)

Arr. Stephen Bulla

Youth Participants:

Tyson Jackson, Tegan Jackson, Joseph Seefeldt, Knox Tonkinson

Guest Musicians

Terry Gale (Trumpet), John Veneskey (Trumpet)

Rob Cole (Horn), Jonathan Willis (Trombone)

Benjamin Ammon (Tuba), Robert Barnett (Percussion)

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins and Flowers have been given by Tim and Melissa Costa – The battlefields and cemeteries around the world are hallowed grounds and holy to every American. We respectfully pause this Memorial Day weekend as we remember with gratitude the sacrifices of so many for our nation.

Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Scholarship Applications are available in the Church Office and can also be sent out via e-mail. Please return Applications to the Church Office by Tuesday, June 30.

Geraniums

Kathie Baker to the Glory of God, Family, and in

Memory of Bob Baker, Bruce and Mollie Hack

Mary Bryan in Honor of Loved Ones

Kara and Jason Craig in Memory of Ruth Varkonda,

June and Bud Zocolo

Fred and Phyllis Denton in Memory of Loved Ones

Rich and Pat Eichler to the Glory of God

Barb and Paul Fennema in Honor of Mothers Everywhere

Geoff Goll in Honor of Kim Goll

Judy and Bud Herron in Honor of our 8 Grandchildren

John Krauss to the Glory of God

Sue and Ken Kyser in Memory of Miriam and Archie Bricker

Sue Lewis in Memory of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church

Ellen Maticcik in Memory of Alan Knizat, Frank and Carol Maticcik,

Richard and Ruth Speidel

Bob and Susan Merry in Honor of Family

Bill Penfold

Michael and Sandra Quinn

Roch and Denise Reiter in Memory of Loved Ones

Carol Ricciardi in Honor of my sister Sandy, and

in Memory of my sisters, Donna Jeanne and Marilyn

Joe and Sue Skiba in Gratitude for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and

in Memory of Joseph, Regina, and Mark Skiba,

Clarence and Joan Reed, Fay White and Leah Engel

Ed and Melissa Tonkinson in Honor of Family

Lucy Works in Memory of Loved Ones

Compassion Has No Bounds

JEWAN RAKSHA KENDRA (LIFE SAVING CENTER)

Sita's Story: Sita lives in a remote village in Far Western Nepal. She became pregnant as a teenager, her lack of protein and health knowledge put her baby's life at risk. Now because of *Jeewan Raksha Kendra*, her family now uses better seeds to grow more potatoes, providing more food and extra income. A new greenhouse in her village ensures they have fresh vegetables all year long. Soon, her child will eat healthy meals and eggs at school to stay strong and focused in class. This will help Sita's child to learn better in school, her family to have a better income, and for her children to have a brighter future.

The Problem: In Sudurpashchim Nepal, the statistics tell a devastating story. The region currently records the highest child mortality rates in Nepal: In Dadeldhura and Baitadi, inadequate nutrition and low crop yields lead to chronic hunger, creating barriers to children's growth and development. Geographic isolation with a nearby clinic, often being a several-hour trek, as well as low maternal literacy and

adolescent pregnancy can result in illness and death of infants and young children.

How You Can Help: Your support allows them to expand their greenhouse initiatives, provide more protein-rich meals, and reach the most isolated families in Far Western Nepal. This is your opportunity to share God's love with a broken world! Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and write 'Nepal' on memo line.

"By improving nutrition today, we are securing the leadership and health of the community tomorrow."

Vision Statement

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

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 28

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

4:00-8:00 Salem High School Tennis Banquet (FH/K)

Sunday, May 31

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

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

10:30 Service of Worship (S)

Monday, June 1

1:00 Board of Deacons (Library)

Tuesday, June 2

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, June 4

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Christian Education (Library) / **Mission I and S** (Parlor)

7:00 Property (Library) / **Worship, Music, Arts** (Parlor)

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