

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

July 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

7th Sunday after Pentecost

But
GOD commends
his own
Love toward us,
in that
while we were yet
Christ sinners,
died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
You Tube: [www.youtube](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM) / 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

Meditation on "Beach Spring"

B.F. White

Morning has Broken / Ode to Joy

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

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

PRELUDE

Celtic Meditation

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively; Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Abraham and Sarah,
Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob and Rachel;
your faithfulness endures through generations.
You give us salvation and we offer you our soul;
you justify our lives and we put our faith in you.
Thank you for peace of mind, joy of heart,
and green pastures that praise you.
Continue to guide us, O God,
that we may grow for generations to come. Amen.

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God hears our voices and supplications.
We can call on God in all our joys, doubts,
successes, and failures.
Knowing that God will listen,
let us confess.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**God of our salvation,
incline your ear to us.
You have given us power:
power to heal, to bring hope,
to comfort, to restore.
But we ignore that power,
choosing to live our own lives.
At worst, we abuse that power,
storing up riches for ourselves
without an eye for the needs of others.
Forgive us. Remind us of our call
to proclaim your good news,
and to welcome each other
as we would welcome you.**

**The ancient words still bring truth today:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Praise be to God for this abounding love! Amen.**

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God, the great creator made all things seen and unseen through his Holy Voice.

God breathed life into us after forming us from the clay.

We trust that God can create us anew and take away our sin and brokenness.

Hallelujah!

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.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Creator of all wisdom and knowledge, let us be open to hear you in this world and in the world all around us. Speak your wisdom to our souls and your grace to our hearts. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

²They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the

peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸ The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allison Miller, Celtic Harp

Holy, Holy, Holy / Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“No Pain, No Gain?”

Rev. Janice L. Reed

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe in God who loved us before we were born,
who has high hopes for us, and
who provides for all our needs.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ
in whom we know God most clearly
and see the person God means us to be.**

**We believe in the Holy Presence
and dare to claim the fullness of joy,
the peace that passes all understanding,
and the fellowship of all those who trust in God.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount

John Wyeth

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**God, who has made all things and given us all that we need,
grant that we would adopt your spirit of abundance and
generosity. Take our gifts of time, talents and treasure and
bless and multiply them to touch every corner of the earth.
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 2130 (*Sing the Faith*)

The Summons

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Unison; Hymn 432*)

Song of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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

POSTLUDE

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Francis H. Champneys

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Light-Bearer: Mickey Buck

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Bulletins have been given anonymously to the Glory of God.

Flowers have been given by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Paul's birthday and granddaughter Lilly, and anonymously to the Glory of God.

Summer Concert Series – Today at 6 p.m. at Waterworth Park

Swingtime Big Band – *The Big Band Sounds of Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey and more*

Denise's Big Back Yard – Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come join us under the large tent with picnic tables at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for our weekly gatherings. There will be an Ice Cream Cart provided after the program each week about 7:15 p.m. Wednesday dates and programs are listed below.

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| July 15 | Bike/Scooter Safety (<i>Mission I and S</i>) |
| July 22 | Jan Cox and Friends (<i>Worship, Music, and Arts</i>) |
| July 29 | Magician (<i>Preschool Board</i>) |
| August 5 | Salem Library – STEM (<i>Property and Maintenance</i>) |
| August 12 | COH, Skits, Games (<i>Scouts</i>) |

The Church Office will be closed on Fridays, July 17, 24, and 31.

Outside Worship – Sunday, July 26

Under the large tent with picnic tables

A 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Jim and Ruth Newman will be held on Sunday, August 2 in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Come and celebrate with them!

Preschool Children's Rummage Sale: August 7-8

This sale will feature baby, children's and teen toys, books, games, and other children's items with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the Preschool. If you have any clean, gently used children's toys or clothes that you would like to donate, we would be so grateful, and you would be supporting both the community and our awesome Preschool program. Donations may be placed on the tables in the Preschool room at your convenience. We kindly ask that all donated items be in good condition and intended for babies, children, and teens. Please, no electronics.

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool is accepting students for the 2026-2027 school year. The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children. The Preschool staff are dedicated to maintaining a positive, nurturing environment promoting creativity, curiosity, and kindness. Our Preschool follows a Christian theme and participates in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" system. We have an Early Childhood degreed teacher and experienced staff. Financial assistance is available through Job and Family Services for those qualifying. Children will develop skills needed for kindergarten readiness. Call 330-332-8620 for more information.

Vision Statement

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

Tuesday, July 14

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 Denise's Big Back Yard – *Bike/Scooter Safety*

Thursday, July 16

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, July 17

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 19

9:00 Church School for Adults (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) – *Worship, Music, & Arts*

10:30 Service of Worship (S) – *Communion*

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 am Investment Committee *via Zoom*

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 22

6:00 Denise's Big Back Yard – *Jan Cox and Friends*

Thursday, July 23

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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