

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

July 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

6th Sunday after Pentecost



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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.fpcsaalem.org.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Organ) Arr. Marianne Kim
America (Brass) Arr. Stephen Bulla

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

PRELUDE

God Bless America (Brass) Arr. Tom Knox

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

We bring all we are to worship God:

Our hopes and our losses,

Our faith and our questions.

Our unique gifts and selves.

Just as we are, this very day,

We bring our praise to God.

*HYMN 561

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Let us ask God to forgive us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O You whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love: We come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; We have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. But You, O Lord, are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy; there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; Bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your Word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Friends, believe the good news.

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*)

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Leviticus 25:8-12

⁸ “You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. ⁹ Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the Day of Atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. ¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall not sow or reap the aftergrowth or harvest the unpruned vines. ¹² For it is a Jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

Psalms 33

¹ Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. ² Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. ⁴ For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. ⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth. ⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him, ⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. ¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants

of the earth — ¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶ A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷ The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. ¹⁸ Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹ to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. ²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. ²¹ Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. ²² Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Armed Forces Tribute (Brass)

Arr. Tom Holtz

THE GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-38

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are descendants of Abraham, yet you look for an opportunity to kill me because there is no place in you for my word. ³⁸ I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.”

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
We know that all things work together
for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.**

**For I am convinced that
neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from
the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Battle Hymn of the Republic (Organ)

Arr. Fred Bock

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**You create us to glorify You, to love You and to serve You with
gladness, O God. Thank you for every gift for our mortal life
and eternal life so that we can do Your will. Bless our offerings
to the purpose You intend to accomplish Your mission through
Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*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

My Country, 'Tis of Thee (Brass)

Arr. Stephen Bulla

Western Reserve Brass Quintet

Terry Gale (Trumpet)

John Veneskey (Trumpet)

Rob Cole (Horn)

Jonathan Willis (Trombone)

Benjamin Ammon (Tuba)

Liturgist: Barbara Yonker

Light-Bearer: Mark Zocolo

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Bulletins and Flowers have been donated by Tim and Melissa Costa “Given to the glory of God, celebrating our nation’s 250th year and with gratitude for the freedoms and blessings bestowed upon the United States of America.”

These Days Presbyterian devotionals are available at the east and west Sanctuary entrances.

The Church Office will be closed on Fridays, July 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Café Justo’s great Organic Coffee is for sale today in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$15 for a 1-pound bag of Regular or Whole Bean Coffee. Sales are on the first Sunday of the month and during the week in the Church Office.

A Community Worship Gathering will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the Salem High School Auditorium. Hosted by Salem Church United, the gathering brings together a Community Choir, a Community Handbell Choir, and representatives from nine local churches leading music, messages, prayers, and devotionals, all celebrating our heritage as “The Quaker City,” a community rooted in the peace and love of Christ.

All Hands on Deck for the 2026 Denise’s Big Back Yard Events!

An exciting time under the big tent with the addition of picnic tables this summer for our weekly picnics! Our first gathering will be **this Wednesday, July 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** There will also be the addition of an Ice Cream Cart provided after the program each week about 7:15 p.m. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Wednesday Dates and Programs are listed below.

- July 8** Vacation Bible School (*Christian Education*)
- July 15** Bike/Scooter Safety (*Mission I and S*)
- July 22** Jan Cox and Friends (*Worship, Music, and Arts*)
- July 29** Magician (*Preschool Board*)
- August 5** Salem Library – STEM (*Property and Maintenance*)
- August 12** COH, Skits, Games (*Scouts*)

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.*

Sunday, July 5

2:00-6:00 Bridal Shower (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 7

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 8

6:00 Denise's Big Back Yard – Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 9

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, July 10

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 12

9:00 Church School for Adults (Library)

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

10:30 Service of Worship (S)

Tuesday, July 14

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 15

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

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