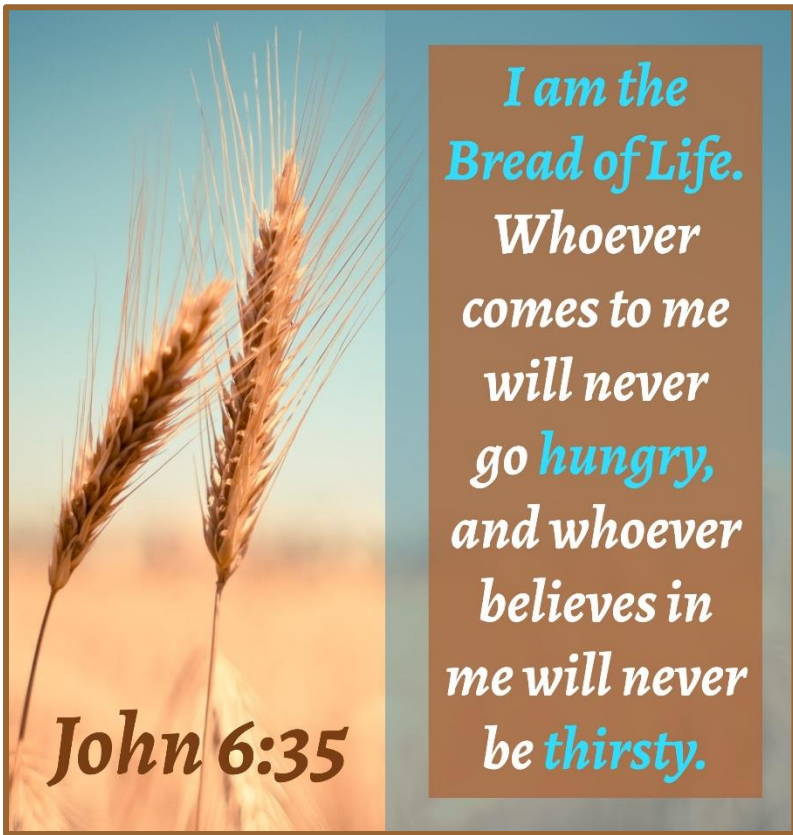


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

August 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

PRELUDE

Grand Processional

Dale Wood

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

PRELUDE

Chorale

Robert Hebble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

Moses said to the people of Israel,

“God humbled you

by letting you hunger,

then by feeding you with manna,

with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted,

in order to make you understand

that one does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

(Deuteronomy 8:3)

“The devil said to [Jesus],

‘If you are the Son of God,

command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’

Jesus answered, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

(Luke 4:3-4)

Jesus also said, “I am the bread of life.” *(John 6:35a)*

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God our maker and our freedom, You created us to live in Your world, to glorify You and to enjoy You forever. We confess that we have sinned against You. We slavishly seek to hold onto a past that no longer exists, resisting Your call to new life. We become a stumbling block to those who seek Your mercy. We are starved for community, but beggarly when asked to be generous to strangers. Forgive us; help us to repent. Nourish us with Your Word so that our faith is renewed and strengthened. Fortify us for the mission of serving Christ Jesus, Whom You sent down from heaven to raise us up. We pray in His name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“[W]e have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” (*1 John 3:1b-2*)

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

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, p. 62

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-16, p. 193

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rose and Libby Filler, Soloists

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

THE GOSPEL READING

John 6:24-35, p. 98

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Fed for Life"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; source unknown*)

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.

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Ray Cox

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

Fred Bock

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, You made the world to be a home for Your creatures, a place of abundance where Your love can be enjoyed and Your glory seen. Thank you for blessing us. Thank You for the privilege of returning a portion of what You have given to us. Use these offerings and us to be a blessing to others in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 514

Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*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

Rondo in G

John Bull

*Please stand if you are able.

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Question for thought: When you eat bread with a meal, do you think of the Hebrew people eating manna in the wilderness, Holy Communion and Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Alice Jackson

Lightbearer: Cheryl McDevitt

Bulletins have been given anonymously with thanks to all who share their musical talents with us during our Summer Music Program.

Flowers have been given by Rich and Pat Eichler in loving memory of the Brain family – Virginia, Ralph, Betty, Cyndie; and by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Jason's birthday today.

Café Justo's great Organic Coffee we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour is for sale today in Fellowship Hall! Cost is \$12.00 for a 1-pound bag of regular, decaf, or whole bean coffee. Cooperative members own the entire business from the growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade Plus certification.

Denise's Big Back Yard – August 7 (*last gathering this summer*)

Join us this Wednesday, August 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship. All are welcome!

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship on Sunday, August 25, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee; and, to vote on its recommendation, i.e., to vote on the candidate the committee nominates for the position of installed pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, OH.

The Preschool is currently receiving applications for partial scholarships that will reduce the tuition rates for parents of preschool students that need some monetary assistance in order to attend our preschool this year. The Preschool would appreciate any contribution you could give so more students can attend this year's preschool. We now have expanded our preschool to include both AM and PM classes and any contribution would help more students to attend either the AM or PM class. This can be done by contributing through your church contributions. Putting the words "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on your check or envelope will ensure that the funds will go to scholarships to the preschool children. The Preschool Board thanks you in advance for your consideration in supporting this initiative.

Monday, August 5

7:00 Board of Deacons (L)

Wednesday, August 7

6:00 Denise's Big Back Yard (*last gathering this summer*)

Thursday, August 8

5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (L)

Sunday, August 11

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

Tuesday, August 13

3:00 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at Petersburg

Wednesday, August 14

7:00 Finance and Administration Committee *via Zoom*

Thursday, August 15

7:00 Regular Session Meeting (Library and Hybrid)

Vision Statement

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

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