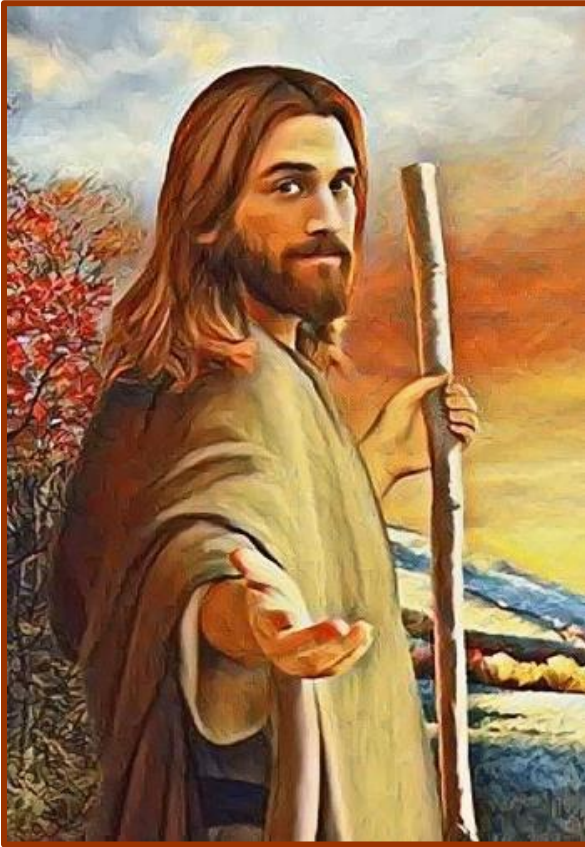


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

September 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (Organ) Karg-Elert, Arr. Fred Bock
La Mourisque (Brass and Drum) Tylman Susato

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

PRELUDE

Canzona per sonare No. 2 (Brass) Giovanni Gabrieli

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

We are stunned by the morning.

**Stunned to find our pet projects toppled;
stunned to find our favorite gods failed;
stunned to find our managed hopes defeated.**

Then you, O God, in the morning.

You in splendor; you in glory; you in power.

This day we dazzle at your glory in the midst of our long night.

Move in your glory this day in the midst of our many nights.

Bring us to your day. To your new day. Amen.

(from Walter Brueggemann, "Stunned by the morning")

*HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that 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. Amen.

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 Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive our truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-8

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and

her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Basse Danse Bergeret (Brass and Drum)

Tylman Susato

THE SECOND READING

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. ²He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken. ³How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you, as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence? ⁴Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence. They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. ⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your

heart before him; God is a refuge for us. ⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. ¹⁰Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. ¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹²and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *The Haviland Choir, Organ, Brass, and Timpani*
Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Arranged by John Ferguson*
Hope Publishing Company, CCL#2595933

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee:
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Oh, join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Congregation and Choir)

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

Choir Only – Great is thy faithfulness! Alleluia. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:18-23

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” ²¹ He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth. ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me.” ²³ But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: *“Live Into Hope”*

Ruling Elder Mike Shepherd

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; Philippians 2:5-11*)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Mickey Buck

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

The Lord Is Mindful of His Own (Organ)

Felix Mendelssohn

*Peace and Global Witness Offering envelopes
are in pew racks and at Sanctuary entrances.*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Holy One, Triune God, we only have life in You through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Receive the offerings we present with our thanksgiving. May they serve Your mission of building the Kingdom of God. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ so that we faithfully do Your will to the glory of Christ. 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 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*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
Psalms XVIII

Organ, Brass and Timpani
Benedetto Marcello

*Please stand if you are able.

*Every time the world is troubled, and we dare to wake and see;
every time our neighbors call us, and we stand with those in need;
and every time we are peacemakers, and the fearful are set free,
in our living, in our giving, **We Are There.***

Peace and Global Witness Goal – \$2500. To date – \$705.

We welcome Ruling Elder Mike Shepherd to the pulpit today. He is our liaison from the Committee on Ministry of Eastminster Presbytery.

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Barb Yonker

Bulletins have been given by Fred and Phyllis Denton in memory of loved ones.

Flowers have been given by Sam and Judy Sicilia in honor of the birthday of their grandson, Barrett Bigham; and by Goldie Burrier in memory of loved ones.

Pastor Annie Parker is using her new FPC Salem e-mail address – pastorannie@fpcsaalem.org. She will reply to people from the church from this email.

Troop 3 B is having a recruiting drive seeking adult leaders and young persons ages 11-18. Qualifications: adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, a love of adventure, learning and teamwork. Perks: a world-class team, adventure, and learning amazing things. For more information, see Mark Smith or Frank Lewis.

Preschool Fundraiser – Heggy’s Candy

Order today in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Milk Chocolate Covered Oreos, Milk and Dark Chocolate Buckeyes, Milk and Dark Chocolate Cashews, Milk and Dark Chocolate Pecans, and Frog Mints. Completed forms and cash/checks must be turned in by this Friday, October 4.

Preschool Supplies Needed – Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Facial Tissues, Markers, Fruit and Vegetable Cups, Granola and Cereal Bars. The Preschool will appreciate it very much if anyone can donate any of these items.

Preschool Ongoing Fundraiser – Little Critters Soda from Kast Iron
Root Beer, Orange, Black Cherry, and Blue Raspberry
1 bottle for \$3.00 or 2 bottles for \$5.00.

Free Concert Today at 3 p.m.

The Emmy award winning, and America’s Got Talent winners, *The Texas Tenors*, perform at Firestone Park in Columbiana. Bring a lawn chair, your family and friends. Rain venue is Columbiana High School. This is an amazing opportunity!

Daytimers – Wednesday, October 2

12 Noon in Fellowship Hall / Bring covered dish to share.

Program – Geoff Goll will talk about Power of Attorney and Living Will.

A 90th Birthday Celebration will be held for Mary Bryan next Sunday, October 6, during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall.

Beaver Creek Church Camp Update

As the Beaver Creek Church Camp Board, we are ecstatic to announce that our 2025 Camp Season will begin this June! As we await this camping season, the YMCA will be making extensive renovations to update our camp facilities to accentuate the beauty of God's creation surrounding us. Beaver Creek Camp will be under construction for the time being, causing us to delay our Open House. We invite you to our official camp site unveiling this spring! Stay tuned for updates on the renovations including before and after pictures! ~ *Steve Cramer*

Volunteer Opportunity with The Salem Community Pantry

The Salem Community Pantry provides free food to our neighbors who may need help to stretch a family food budget. The Salem Community pantry relies on volunteers to make services available to the public. Volunteers help with food collection, sorting, and distribution, along with cleaning, office work, and record keeping. Call the Pantry at 330-332-5166 for more information, or drop by Monday 8 am – noon, Tuesday / Friday / Saturday 9 to 11 am, Wednesday noon to 2 pm, Thursday 2 pm to 6 pm. Located at 794 E 3rd Street on the corner of Third and Vine. Online at salempantry.com. *Helping Salem Set the Table*

Salem Community Pantry is open Monday from 9 am – 11:30 am and on Thursday from 3 – 5:30 pm for residents in 44460 Zip Code. You must show a valid picture ID and another document showing name and current address with 44460 Zip Code. A person may visit the Pantry up to two times per month to receive food.

Sunday, September 29

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Monday, September 30

6:30 Troops 3 and 2003G (B / 209)

Tuesday, October 1

1:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Thursday, October 3

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

7:00 Devotions (Sanctuary)

7:15 Property (Library) / **Worship, Music, & Arts** (Parlor)

World Communion Sunday, October 6

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library) / Confirmation (209)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) – *90th Birthday Celebration for Mary Bryan*

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

1:00-3:00 *90th Birthday Party for Mary Bryan* (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Temporary Pastoral Leadership Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis, 304-266-8154

Rev. Trina Lewis, 304-266-8214

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Vision Statement

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