

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

July 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on  
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our website, [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

*“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Fred Bock  
Cindy Berry*

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

### PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

*Fred Bock*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

“Thus says the Lord GOD:

**I will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.**

As shepherds seek out their flocks

when they are among the scattered sheep,

**so I will seek out my sheep.**

I will rescue them...” (Ezekiel 34:11-12c)

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 430

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Lord GOD, heavenly Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against You and all that You created in love. We have acted as if the natural world was ours to use and dispose of as we pleased. We have done the same with other people, failing to see them as Your children. God of all**

**mercies, forgive us for the sake of Your crucified and risen Son. Grant us strength through the Holy Spirit truly to repent, to turn away from evil and to turn to Your ways of compassion, revealed in Christ, the holy leader of Your people. We pray in His strong name. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need...I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life and your house will be my home as long as I live.” *(Psalm 23:1; 6 TEV)*

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

**Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us  
any voice but your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your  
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.\***

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 23:1-6, p. 725*

This is the Word of the LORD!  
**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Meena Weingart, Soloist*

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*Kenneth Morris*

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING  
This is the Word of the LORD!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Ephesians 2:11-22, p. 192*

SPECIAL MUSIC  
*Love's Greeting*

*Lydia Andres, Violin  
Edward William Elgar*

THE GOSPEL READING  
This is the Gospel of the LORD!  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Mark 6:30-34; 53-56, p. 41*

SERMON            *"Working the Fringes"*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 172

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are 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  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*Fred Bock*

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

**God our Maker, Provider and Savior: without Your loving care, we would not exist. Help us to live gratefully, joyfully and generously as Your Son leads us into eternal life. Bless our offerings to the service of Christ's mission, to the glory of Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 387**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**\*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**

*How Firm a Foundation*

*John Carter*

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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**Questions of thought:**

What does God expect of leaders?

What does God expect of those who follow leaders?

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Sharon Bortz

**Lightbearer:** Mark Smith

**Bulletins** have been given by Goldie Burrier in memory of loved ones.

**Flowers** have been given by Margaret Winch for the gift of Roan Winch; and by Jim and Nancy McNeal in honor of Heather Drake's Birthday.

The **Salem Summer Concert** tonight at 6 p.m. at Waterworth Memorial Park will feature The Ovation Band, music from the 40s to today's pop and dance favorite.

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**Denise's Big Back Yard – July 24, 31, August 7**

Join us this Wednesday, July 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship. Jessie and Lulu Reeks will entertain with an eclectic mix of music from south of the border. If it rains, gather in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Wednesday, July 24

**6:00 Denise’s Big Back Yard – Program: Jessie and Lulu Reeks,**  
*Eclectic mix of music from south of the border*

6:30 Salem Music Study Club “All in the Family” Music Program (S)

Sunday, July 28

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

Monday, July 29

11:30-1:30 Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 31

**6:00 Denise’s Big Back Yard – Program: Boy Scout Troop 3**

Thursday, August 1

**6:00 Christian Education (L) / Mission I and S (P)**

**7:00 Devotions (S)**

**7:15 Property/Maintenance (L) / Worship, Music, Arts (P)**

Vision Statement

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

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