

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

September 22, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*Joyous Day*

*John Innes*  
*John Leavitt*

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

### PRELUDE

*Spirit Divine*

*Raymond Haan*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

"In God, whose word I praise,

**In the LORD, whose word I praise,**

In God I trust; I am not afraid..." (*Psalms 56:10-11a*)

**Let us worship God.**

#### \*HYMN 476

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

#### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I take refuge..." (*Psalms 57:1a-c*) Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

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

**LORD, maker of all things, Ruler of heaven and earth, You raise up nations and plough nations under. You call for justice, mercy and peace. You set Your truth in the midst of Your people so that we can be free to love and serve You by loving and serving one another. We confess that we have not lived**

according to Your will. Because of our sin, justice, mercy and peace sound like unrealistic ideals. We have preferred slavery to our selfishness instead of the open space of self-giving love. Forgive us, O God. Save us from bondage to hardened egos. Let us breathe in the Spirit of Christ, who gave Himself for our redemption. We pray in His name. Amen.

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“My vows to you I must perform, O God;

**I will render thank offerings to you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death and  
my feet from falling

**so that I may walk before God in the light of life.”**

*(Psalm 56:12-13)*

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

**God our Maker, by Your word You created all things. Your Son is the Word become flesh Who holds all things together. Grant us faith through the witness of the Holy Spirit to hear with understanding who You would have us to be, and what You would have us to do. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*The Lily of the Valley*

*The Haviland Choir*

*Arranged by Lloyd Larson*

The Lorenz Corporation, CCL#2595933

I have found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me.  
He's the Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see.  
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay;  
He's the fairest of ten thousand, my joy upon my way.

He all my grief has taken, He all my sorrows borne.  
I've all for Him forsaken, from my heart all idols torn.  
Though all the world forsake me and Satan tempt me sore,  
He will never, no, never leave me till my life on earth is o'er.

When my life on earth is over, when I have run this race,  
then, sweeping up to heaven, I'll see His blessed face!  
The Lily of the Valley, He keeps me by His power,  
I've found a friend in Jesus, He's the bright and Morning Star!

THE SECOND READING

*Exodus 6:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>Say therefore to the Israelites, ‘I am the LORD, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup>I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.’” <sup>9</sup>Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not

listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*“The Threat of Despair”*

*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*)

**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

*Lynn Zocolo*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Peace and Global Witness Offering*

*Ryan Gillis*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*The Old Rugged Cross*

*John Innes*

*Peace and Global Witness Offering envelopes at entrances.*

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

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

**Holy One, we thank You for the love You show us. You provide all that we need to live in the world You have made. And, as if that were not enough, You sent the Son to save us from sin and death, that we may have eternal life. Help us to praise You with hearts overflowing. Use our offerings to the glory of Your name, through 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 485**

*To God Be the Glory*

**\*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

*Agincourt Song (Deo Gracious)*

*Gordon Young*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Question for thought:**

How has God helped you to overcome a doubt or fear?

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

**Liturgist:** Lynn Zocolo

**Lightbearer:** Sue Skiba

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously to the Glory of God.

**Flowers** have been given by Melvin and Jenny Wilms in memory of Marie and Harry Kelly.

**The Rosebud on the Communion Table** is in honor of Elias Adrian Rivera, born September 13. Great grandmother is Sandy Herman and parents are Haley and Jose Rivera of San Antonio, Texas.

**Church Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Friday.

**Pastor Annie Parker** has started using her new FPC Salem e-mail address – [pastorannie@fpcsaalem.org](mailto:pastorannie@fpcsaalem.org). She will start replying 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 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.

**Preschool Fundraiser – Heggy’s Candy**

Order today in Fellowship Hall and next Sunday, September 29 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 Friday, October 4.

**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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on the corner of Third and Vine. Online at [salempantry.com](http://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 22

6:00 Cub Scouts (B)

Monday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 25

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Sunday, September 29

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

9:00 Confirmation Class (209)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship – Brass

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)

Vision Statement

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

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