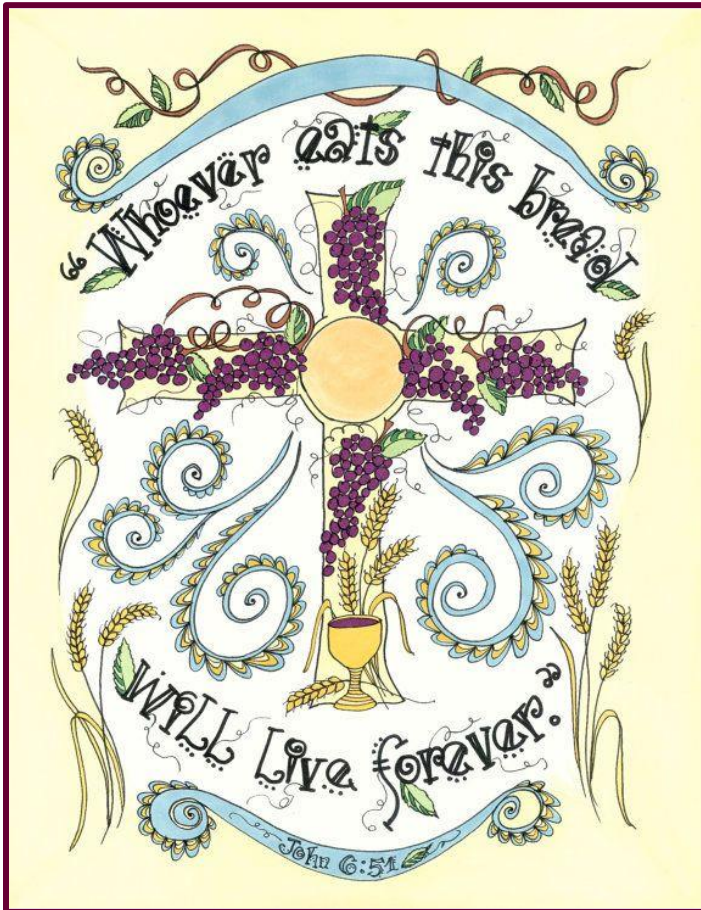


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

August 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Thirteenth 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

*The Majestic Trumpet*

*Robert Hebble*

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*Dale Wood*

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

### PRELUDE

*Andante*

*Alexandre Guilmant*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me,

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;

**so your faces shall never be ashamed."** (*Psalms 34:4, 5*)

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 461

*God Is Here!*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

**Sovereign God, Creator, Nourisher and Savior, You made the world good according to Your will and wisdom. You made us to care for Your creation and to live loving You. We confess our sin before You and one another, for we fall short of both callings. We foolishly follow our own desires, reach for silly, short-sighted goals, and run rough-shod over any opposition. Forgive us and help us to repent. Reform us so that we faithfully share in the person of Christ Jesus. May He so dwell**

**in us that we dwell in Him, love with His love, and serve You with intelligence and imagination in His name. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” *(Psalm 34:22)*

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

**Glorious God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of heaven, to feed us true life. May the Holy Spirit fill us with the Word so that we may live in Your house forever. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 9:1-6, p. 591*

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Ephesians 5:15-20, p. 194*

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Simple Gifts*

*Cheryl McDevitt, Flute*

*Arr. Judy Nishimura*

THE GOSPEL READING

*John 6:51-58, p. 98*

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 341

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; source unknown*)**God's sovereign love is a mystery****beyond the reach of our minds.****We know that God is all-powerful, all-wise, and all-good.****But as God reveals love in Jesus Christ,****God shows power. . .by taking the form of a servant;****God shows wisdom. . .through the folly of the cross;****God shows goodness. . .by receiving sinful people.****The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world.***(adapted from "The Confession of 1967")*

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

*Ray Cox*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**Robert Lau*\*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**O Holy One, Holy Three, You nourish our bodies by the earth****You made; You enliven our spirits by breath You give; and, You****fill us with eternal life in Jesus Christ. Help us to lift up****thanksgivings to You with all our souls as we present these****offerings. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 508

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

\*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

*Fugue in C Major*

*G.F. Handel*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Question for thought:**

How do you experience Jesus Christ giving Himself to you?

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

**Liturgist:** Paul Fennema

**Lightbearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously in honor of the fifth birthday of AJ Skiba.

**Flowers** have been given by Michael and Sandy Quinn in loving memory of our parents; and by Rich and Pat Eicher in honor of Nova Eichler's birthday.

**Meet and Greet – Saturday, August 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Come meet the minister, the family and children this Saturday in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting** to be held in the Sanctuary next 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.

**Enrolling Preschool Students for 2024-2025 School Year**

Open House – Monday, August 19 from 5-7 p.m.

Parent/Student Orientation – Monday, August 26 at 6 p.m.

The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool for 3-, 4-, and 5-year old children. We provide a curriculum-based program that meets the whole child, and speech and language services to those who qualify. Our Preschool follows a Christian theme and participates in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" system. Children will develop skills needed for kindergarten readiness. Call Administrator Jennifer Gillis for more details at 330-332-8620.

**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.

The **Salem Summer Concert** tonight at 6 p.m. will be in Waterworth Park and will feature Four Kings & A Queen, a blues, Motown, jazz, and classic rock group from Geneva.

Monday, August 19

**5:00-7:00 Preschool Open House**

**7:00 Congregational Care Committee (Library)**

Saturday, August 24

**5:00-7:00 Meet and Greet the Minister and Family (FH)**

Sunday, August 25

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship *including Congregational Meeting*

Environmental Team meeting after worship

Monday, August 26

**6:00 Preschool Parent/Student Orientation (FH)**

Friday, August 30

**10:00-12:00 Preschool Visitation Day**

Sunday, September 1

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship – *Western Reserve Brass*

Vision Statement

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



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