

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Second 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.fpcsalem.org.

"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*John Carter
Fred Bock*

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

PRELUDE

Abide With Me

William Monk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to be together as neighbors in faith:

To celebrate those who came before us

To be in community with those around us

And to care for those who will come after us.

With joy and thanksgiving, let us be good neighbors.

With joy and thanksgiving, let us praise the Lord!

*HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God invites us to draw close to him and speak to him like our neighbor. But sin and shame tell us to stay away from God. Let us leave our sin and shame at God's feet, trusting Him to be merciful and loving.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Merciful Lord, we confess to how easily we lose hope. You promise us your yoke is easy, but we carry it heavily. We treat our callings as burdens, not gifts. Lighten our loads; lighten our

hearts. Teach us to rejoice in you, and to trust always in your steadfast, powerful, and unwavering love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus calls us friends, not slaves or students but friends. He longs to walk through life with us, to lift us when we fall and encourage us when we tire.

We have confessed our brokenness and now accept the mercy gifted to us through Christ.

We do not walk alone in this life.

But hand in hand with God.

***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 (*Unison*)

Father God, we long to abide in you, as we read your word and hear it proclaimed today, abide in our hearts and ears. Open us up to hear your message and teach us your words so we may teach others. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC
An Act of Contrition

Jan Cox, Piano
Stephen J. Navoyosky

THE SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON: *"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"* Pastor Annie Parker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.**

**We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.**

**God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.**

**We acknowledge God's care and control
in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.**

**There is no event from which God is absent
and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.**

**The Creator works in all things
toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.**

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

In the Garden

Fred Bock

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**With open and generous hearts we give you these gifts, God.
Take them and bless them so they may be used for your holy
work and bring your love to the ends of the earth. 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 2130** (*Sing the Faith*)

The Summons

***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

Now Thank We All Our God with "Promenade"

*Mussorgsky
arr. Cindy Berry*

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

**Some of the Liturgy comes from Deep Well Worship*

Questions for thought:

1. How do you see Jesus as a friend?
2. How can you be a friend to someone else after experiencing Jesus' friendship?
3. Who are you called to call your neighbor?

Head Ushers: Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Liturgist: Carol Ricciardi

Bulletins have been given in Celebration for what would have been Clarence and Joan Reed's 70th Wedding Anniversary, and Joe and Sue Skiba's 42nd Wedding Anniversary on June 25.

Bulletin Donors are needed for July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 26, November 16, 30, December 7, 21, 24, 28. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

Flowers have been given by Alice Jackson in honor of Allison Bodnar's Birthday and in Memory of Jim Wilson.

Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college or university attending, and course of study, if known. The deadline is June 30.

The Summer Concert Series will be held at Waterworth Park tonight at 6:00 p.m. featuring Guys Without Ties – *Live horns and sweet sounding vocals*. Admission is free and attendees are reminded to bring lawn chairs. A vendor is available to purchase food and soft drinks.

Recycling News: John Repella is looking for any metal he can recycle. Give him a call to arrange a pickup, 234-320-1144. Mention you are from First Presbyterian Church.

All Hands on Deck for the 2025 Denise's Big Back Yard Events!

An exciting addition for this summer is that we will have a large tent to use for our weekly picnics. An informational meeting for volunteers will be held in the church library after morning worship on June 29. Sign-up sheets for side dish and dessert donations will be posted in Fellowship Hall closer to the start-up date of July 9. Wednesday evening programs are listed below. **Any and all help is appreciated!**

- **July 9** – All About Pollinators!
- **July 16** – Presbyterian Preschool Program
- **July 23** – Music Stylings with Lulu and Jesse Reeks
- **July 30** – ‘Chief Logan’s War’ with John Barnett
- **August 6** – Troop 3 Scouts
- **August 13** – Reptile Rescue

Do You Have Old, Unused and Unwanted Electronics Lying around the House and Taking Up Space?

I know we all probably have drawers with unused electronics. You don't have to throw it away and have it add one more item to the local garbage dump. Instead, you can do something good for the earth and help a local, small business. Summit e-Waste Recycling Solutions at the Walborn Reservoir located at 11324 Price St NE in Alliance has a dumpster where you can bring electronics for recycling. Call them at 330-800-6657. They take computers, modems, routers, servers, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, small printers, cables, wires, power adaptors, and computer monitors.

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool is now accepting students for the 2025-2026 school year. The five day a week program combines the very best elements of a Preschool for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children. The Preschool staff is dedicated to maintaining a positive, nurturing environment promoting creativity, curiosity, and kindness. Our Preschool follows a Christian theme and participates in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" system. We have an

Early Childhood degreed teacher and experienced staff. Financial assistance is available through Job and Family Services for those qualifying. Children will develop skills needed for kindergarten readiness. Call 330-332-8620 for more information.

The First Presbyterian Preschool is continuing an initiative to provide financial assistance to preschool aged children whose parents may need some monetary help in attending preschool this fall. A separate church fund has been established as a means for church members, community members as well as organizations to contribute to this fund to support this project. The fund is called “Preschool Scholarship Fund”. The Preschool Board is also discussing ways to support the funding through fundraisers, etc. If church members wish to help in this effort to assist parents who need some financial support to send their child to our preschool this fall, you may do so by contributing through your church contributions. Putting the words “Preschool Scholarship Fund” on your check would indicate that you are supporting this fund. Money in church envelopes could also be designated on the envelope with the words “Preschool Scholarship Fund”. The Preschool Board thanks you in advance for your consideration in supporting this important preschool scholarship initiative. If you have any questions concerning this initiative, contact any member of the Preschool Board – Jennifer Gillis, Chelsey Hovanic, Alice Jackson, Jean McCool, Wanda Navoyosky, Ruth Newman, Carol Ricciardi, Annie Parker, Cara Stephens.

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

Vision Statement

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

Tuesday, June 24

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, June 25

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

Thursday, June 26

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 29

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

6:00 Concert at Waterworth Park – *Salem Quaker City Band*

Monday, June 30

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

Tuesday, July 1

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 United Quilt Guild (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 2 and Thursday, July 3

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day (Church Office Closed)

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