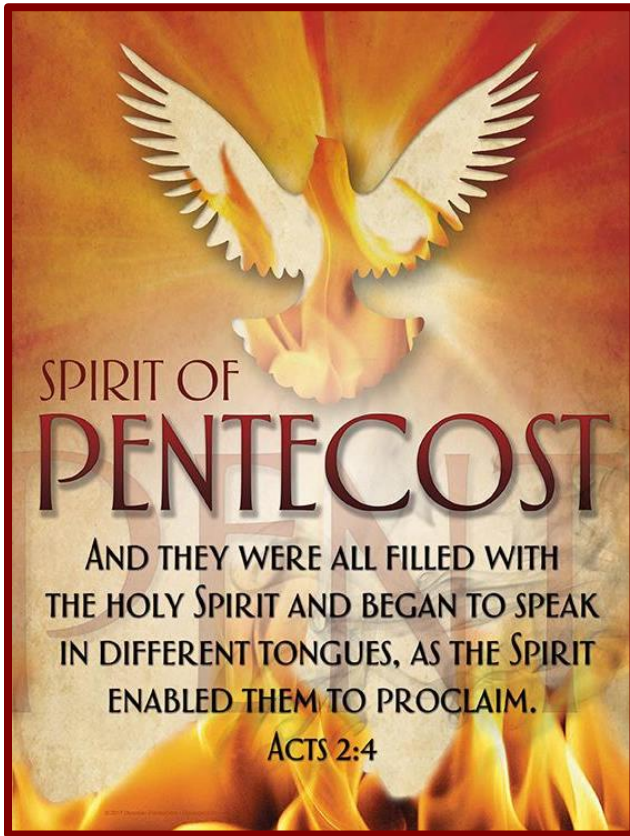


First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

June 8, 2025

10:30 a.m.

## Day of Pentecost



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

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

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Laudamus Te*

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Carl Mueller*

*Gilbert Martin*

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

### PRELUDE

*Only Believe*

*Bertha Frick*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Before so many, there was one language.

After Pentecost, we are one in the Spirit.

**All that is fragmented, God mends.**

**All that is blurred, God makes clear with love.**

The breath of life, the wind on the air,  
the Spirit stirs us out of weariness.

**While tongues of fire rekindle hope,  
warming hearts chilled by fear.**

So come now, Holy Spirit –  
fill this place, shatter our worries,  
unclog our ears, loosen our tongues

**Make us new in these moments,  
so we can go and speak grace  
to those longing to listen.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

**Lord God, through Christ you have given us peace that the  
world cannot give. Let your Spirit of truth abide with us so that  
we may live in hope, grow in faith, and keep your**

**commandments of love; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 316**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

We lock our doors, shutter the windows, huddle in silence, hoping God will leave us to our brokenness. Yet rather than breaking in to shame and punish us, God's Spirit blows into our lives bringing new hope, new life, new words to offer. Join me as we offer our lives to God.

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

**You send your Spirit to rattle our windows, and we call for repairs. You long to set us free from our hiding places, but we try our best to cling to the familiar. You want to create your Beloved Community using all of us, but we hold tight to old grudges and keep highlighting our differences.**

**But you do not let a little thing like fear's bolt get in your way of transforming our lives. There is no door too thick that you cannot open to be with us. There is no window which can keep your Spirit from breathing new life into us. There is no hiding place where Jesus, who promised to be with us, will not find us to place our hands, our hearts, our lives into the Spirit who is our Companion. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Not with judgement, friends. The Spirit comes with forgiveness. Not with angry words, the Spirit comes with grace. Not with a sentence of shame, the Spirit comes with love.

**The Advocate comes to remind us that we are forgiven, filled with new life, and sent out to share this is the good news today and, indeed, every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*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*)

**God of All Power, open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

*Acts 2:1-21*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*The Haviland Choir*

*God's Gonna Set This World on Fire*

*Moses Hogan*

Hal Leonard Corporation, CCL#2595933

God's gonna set this world on fire,  
God's gonna set this world on fire  
one of these days Hallelujah  
God's gonna set this world on fire,  
God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days.

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,  
one of these days Hallelujah.  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

I'm gonna eat and never get hungry,  
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry

one of these days Hallelujah.

I'm gonna eat and never get hungry,

I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days.

God's gonna set this world on fire,

God's gonna set this world on fire

one of these days Hallelujah.

God's gonna set this world on fire,

God's gonna set this world on fire, one of these days.

#### THE GOSPEL READING

*Romans 8:14-17*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*"Through the Flames"*

*Pastor Annie Parker*

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 319

*Spirit*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Holy Ghost, with Light Divine*

*Don Hustad*

*Pentecost Offering envelopes are in the Pew Racks.  
The Loose Cash Offering today will go to the Board of Deacons.*

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

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

**Most Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve  
and share. May the offerings we present today be used to  
further your Kingdom and build your beloved community.  
Amen.**

### **GOD'S WORD IS SEALED**

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ  
are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *including* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION /  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

May the Breath of God be with you!

**May the Spirit fill you with hope.**

May the Spirit stir your hearts!

**We offer them to God who sets them  
on fire with love.**

Let us sing praises to our God.

**With the Spirit as the music  
and Jesus as the lyrics,  
we sing glad songs to our God.....**

....Thus, with all who sing in joy,  
with those whose fears  
cause them to struggle to breathe,  
we sing our praises to you:

**Holy, holy, holy, are you, God of new life.  
All creation joins in singing your name.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who sends the Advocate to us.  
Hosanna in the highest!.....**

.....As we remember his life and death,  
as we remember his promise  
not to leave us alone,  
as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit,  
we sing of that mystery known as faith:

**Christ died, God's faithful Child to the end.  
Christ was raised, that we might become  
siblings in love, grace, and hope.  
Christ will come, to gather us in the Spirit.**

**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.**

**BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

*The bread and the cup will be received by coming forward and  
given a piece of bread, taking the cup, and returning the cup to  
a tray. If you cannot come forward, you will be served in the pew.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

**May these gifts we have consumed benefit us, O Lord, that we  
may always be aflame with the same Spirit, that was  
wondrously poured out on your Apostles and is still poured out  
on your believers. Through Christ our Lord we pray, amen.**

**WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN 320**

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Go, as the breath of God  
carries you beyond your fears.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and give us courage.**

Go, as the peace of Christ  
grounds you in grace.

**Come, Holy Spirit, that we may  
serve others with hope and healing.**

Go, as the Spirit dares to lead you  
into places you would never go alone.

**Come, Holy Spirit, so we may join  
in your wild dance of life.**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*The Haviland Choir*

*Old Irish Blessing*

*Denes Agay*

WB Music Corporation, CCL#2595933

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
The sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
May the Lord cause his face to shine upon you  
and give you peace.  
May the road rise to meet you. . .

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ  
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*Rigaudon*

*André Campra*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Questions for thought:**

1. Where do you hear or see the Holy Spirit most clearly?
2. How does the Spirit help you to be a faithful disciple of Christ?
3. What do you long for from the Spirit?

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

**Liturgist:** Sue Skiba

**Light-Bearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletin Donors** are needed for June 15, 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 in Honor of Paul Barb Fennema's Anniversary, and by Margaret Winch in Honor of Mary's Birthday today.

**The Rosebud** is in honor of Eddie Graham Guillette, great grandson of Ellen Maticcik, born May 31.

***These Days*** – There are a few copies of this Presbyterian devotional available at the east and west Sanctuary entrances.

**Women and Men are needed to serve as Light-Bearers for the summer months.** Please check your calendar and call or text Cheryl (330.853.5748) or call the Church Office (330.337.9555) to sign up for the dates that work for you. Thank you!

**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.

**A Graduation Party** for Lana Tonkinson will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are invited.

### **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.

**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.*

Sunday, June 8

6:00 Concert at Waterworth Park – *Pipe Dreams* (60s, 70s, 80s)

Tuesday, June 10

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, June 11

**7:00 Finance and Administration Committee** *via Zoom*

Thursday, June 12

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

**5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees** (Library)

Saturday, June 14

1:00-8:00 Graduation Party for Lana Tonkinson (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 15

9:00 Book Study (Gazebo)

9:00 Adult Bible Study (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship

Tuesday, June 17

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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