

Salem Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 22, 2014

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
Hymnal: Great Hymns of the Faith

Order of Worship

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles Dominic and Keaton Adkins
Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 86:1-10** 532
*Hymn **Bringing In the Sheaves** 420

***Prayer of Confession** Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things - other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere; diverting our time, our energy, our money, and our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, and when we serve other gods and worship them. We turn to our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and to follow you. We pray this, in Your Name, counting on your grace. Amen. *(Take a moment of silent confession)*

*Assurance of Pardon
*Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Prayer Response **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord** 535
Special Music Jr. Band

Epistle Lesson **Romans 6:1-11** 1028
Gospel Lesson **Matthew 10:24-39** 886

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **We've a Story to Tell** 423

Sermon **"God Is Aware of You"** Reverend Thomas Emery

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Offertory
 Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings
*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn **13 Diadem** *Welsh Hymnal*

*Taking the Light into the World
*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers are dedicated to the memory of Leota Hobbs by her family and friends.

This Week:

Sunday: **06-22-14**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave and Carla Breese)
10:30 AM Sunday School
3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery
4:00 PM Session
6:30 PM Youth Group

Saturday: **6-28-14**
5:30 PM Spencerville Parade Float

Sunday: **06-29-13**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob and Kathy McCollow)
10:30 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

The Spencerville parade is at 6:30 PM on June 28th. To help out with the Salem float, the line-up is at 5:30 PM. The **fireworks** are at 10 PM on the school grounds.

Pastor Tom **is looking for volunteers** to do group or individual intercessory prayer for the Venedocia area and the Salem Church and its members. See Pastor Tom if willing to commit to this ministry.

We will have Sunday School in the upstairs back room continuing with the series set on location in Israel of places where Jesus walked.

A rose is given to Haiven Isabel, born to Alisha and Ross Evans.

The Bette & Donald Richards Family wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks for your kindness and sympathy at this difficult time.

The Vacation Bible School photos are on the website.



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

Salem Presbyterian Church
Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Prayer Concerns:

Gretchen Baut (friend of the Silers – cancer and kidney problems)
Audrey Burnett
Leona Browning (mother of Denise Pugh)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Vernon Hobbs
Margaret Keltner (mother of Jan Jones)
Amanda Owens Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Audrey McCollow (cancer)
Tim Morris (son of Hilda Morris)
Ione Owens
Nicolas Poling (grandson of Charlie & Barb Good)
Cassy Emery (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)
Kyle Mullenhour (kidney transplant)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Jim Beougher (advanced cancer – uncle of Tony Lawrence)
Jesse (mother with drug addictions needs God's strength)
Joyce Profit (heart problems)

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)
Colt Thompson (US Army)

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date: \$51,675.00
Rec'd 06-08-14:	\$844.00	Rec'd to Date: \$37,204.49

Rev. Thomas Emery
"God Is Aware of Us" Matthew 10:24-39
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Our loving all-powerful God knows us and our needs, just like he takes care of common sparrows. But, I don't always believe that. I deny Christ in many ways. I deny him with empty words. I deny him with silence by not speaking up when I know that I should. I deny him with unfaithful actions. One person has asked: "If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?" I ask myself that question. How would you answer that question?

If we wish to enter into an ever increasing awareness of a loving union with the triune God, then we must expect a lifetime of dying to self-centeredness. We must surrender to God's complete control on all levels of human existence. We must know in our hearts that God is in control of our lives and aware of our thoughts and actions. This means that the love of God is discovered and experienced to the degree that we empty ourselves of all that may impede a total surrender in trusting love to God.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Jesus is saying to us that, whatever trial we may be going through, God is aware and God cares.*

Teaching Point Two: *Such an awareness of the unconditional love of God should give us an enormous sense of freedom about living our lives.* We should be able to live joyfully and peacefully, as if we had not a care in the world.

Teaching Point Three: *The ultimate freedom in life comes from trusting your life to God.* The message of the Gospel is that we need *not* fear life nor death. We need *not* fear tomorrow nor today. We can live faith-filled lives, lives bolstered by our knowledge of God's love for us and God's presence with us.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

²⁹ "Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰ Even all the hairs on your head are numbered. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are more valuable than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31 NET).

ACTION POINT

We must see that being a follower of Christ is not an easy journey. He said that we must leave all to follow him. Jesus said that you will be persecuted, rebuked, argued with, called names, and perhaps even killed for his name. But Jesus has promised that all who confess him before others, will he confess before the Father. I believe this. Do you? Let us be faithful and live for Christ so we can have joy in all circumstances, not fearing life or death, knowing that our loving God who is fully aware of us, is in loving control of our lives!