

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

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

**Order of Worship**

Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles                      Adkins Boys  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship                      **9. Faith & Trust**                      468

\*Hymn                      **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**                      38

\*Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession before God.)**

\*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

Epistle Lesson                      **Philippians 2:1-13**                      1069  
Gospel Lesson                      **Matthew 21:28-32**                      899

**Lincolnview Bible Board**

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn                      **Take Time to Be Holy**                      376

Sermon                      "Not Promises, But Action"                      Rev. 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                      **How Great Thou Art!**                      37

\*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.

**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date: \$78,546.00
Rec'd 09-21-14:	\$612.00	Rec'd to Date: \$65,958.58

**This Week:**

**Today:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
3:00 PM  
5:00 PM

**09-28-14**

Worship (nursery with Bill & Elgarda McGee)  
Sunday School  
Celebrate Recovery  
Youth Group

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
3:00 PM

**10-05-14**

Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)  
Sunday School  
Celebrate Recovery

**Announcements:**

**Sunday School has begun!**

**Children through 8<sup>th</sup> grade** will meet for their classes in the basement. For the first four weeks, they will be together to experience the unfolding story of God's love and redemption.

The **High School** will meet in the kitchen and will start their youth program this Sunday.

The **Adult Sunday School class** will meet in the backroom to view and discuss the world acclaimed **Alpha Course**.

This year, the Salvation Army has requested that our church to collect **500-600** small cans of **chicken** or **beef broth** for the holiday season meals.

**Gomer Congregational Church** (7350 Gomer Road, Gomer, OH) will be celebrating their 97<sup>th</sup> annual Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday, October 5 at 7:00 pm.

**Birthdays This Week:**

9/29	Stephanie Beck	10/2	Brianna Ebel
9/30	Jack Blackmore	10/2	Kory Mullenhour

**Anniversaries This Week:**

10/2 Kevin & Heather Matthews

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**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.**

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Venedocia, Ohio

*Established 1848, Built 1898*

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Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)  
Ralph Du Cheney (serious medical testing – father of Stacia Profit)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Cassy Emery (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)  
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)  
Bree Gosshanbler (paralyzed – friend of Audrey Hobbs)  
Vernon Hobbs  
Linda Howell (back and heart healing – Jeff Coil's sister)  
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)  
Paula Klein (cancer – friend of Evelyn Martz)  
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Things didn't quite turn out the way the father expected. The first son, who answered, "I will not," changed his mind and spent the entire day working in his father's vineyard. But the second son also had a change of mind; the one who promised to help his father, did not. Jesus asked the chief priests and the elders of the temple, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" "The first," they answered. The parable puzzled them. They never dreamed it was about them or about us.

### **TEACHING POINTS**

**Teaching Point One:** Things aren't always what they seem.

**Teaching Point Two:** Sometimes we are blind to what God is doing in our mist.

**Teaching Point Three:** Have you truly made Jesus Lord of your life by doing His will?

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

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