Salem Presbyterian Church 18th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 12, 2014

Pastor : Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Hymnal: Great Hymns of the Faith

Order	of	Worship
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Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> **Psalm 106:1-5, 47-48** 546

*Hymn Immortal, Invisible 34

*Prayer of Confession: Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your invitation to attend the wedding banquet of the richest food and the finest wine—a celebration that reveals Your heavenly Kingdom. Help us to respond to Your invitation and not to despise it. Help us to put away our old clothes of sin and to wear the wedding clothes of Your Kingdom. Today we ask for Your forgiveness for living without Your presence in our lives, for relying on our own achievements, for believing that we are the architects of our own destiny, and for living as though You have no place in our modern world. Renew us and equip us to do Your will on earth, until the dawning of Your heavenly Kingdom. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

*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 Junior Bells

Epistle Lesson Philippians 4:1-9 1071
Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:1-14 900

A Time with the Children

*Hymn Love Divine

Sermon "Accept His Invitation" 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

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*Prayer of Dedication

Price Kids

*Hymn Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Vernon Hobbs, Sr.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$82,680.00 Rec'd 10-05-14: \$1,181.30 Rec'd to Date: \$68,282.88

^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.

<u>Today:</u> <u>10-12-14</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Catie & Christina Emery)

10:45 AM Sunday School

3:00 PM Hilda Morris Funeral Service

6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Thursday: <u>10-16-14</u>

9:30 AM Women's Association Meeting

Saturday: <u>10-18-14</u>

3:00 PM Youth Group—Corn Maze

Sunday: <u>10-19-14</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Catie & Christina Emery)

10:45 AM Sunday School

3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

Announcements:

The **Hilda Morris Funeral** will be today at 3:00 PM. The viewing will be one hour before. Please have meal dishes in early for the supper.

Celebrate Recovery is **canceled** today.

Instead of today, the Youth Group and anyone interested will meet at the Manse on **Saturday**, **October 18**, at 3:00 PM to go to **Suter's Corn Maze**.

Today's **Adult Sunday School** Alpha Course topic is: "How Do I Know I Am a Christian."

Please plan to pack a **shoebox** this year for **Operation Christmas Child!** Brochures with labels are available on the vestibule table. Bring your completed boxes to the church by Sunday, November 23.

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.

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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.

Salem Presbyterian Church Venedocia, Ohio

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Prayer Concerns:

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)

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)

Jean Faust (stage four cancer)

Vernon Hobbs

Linda Howell (back and heart healing – Jeff Coil's sister)

Jesse (mother with drug addictions, needs God's strength)

Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)

Paula Klein (cancer – friend of Evelyn Martz)

Amanda Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)

Betty Lloyd

James Marshall (mysterious ailment and M.S.)

Tim Morris (son of Hilda Morris)

Ione Owens

Joyce Profit (heart problems)

Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)

Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)

Maxine Stewart (mother of Kim Coil)

Warren Summersett

Tom Theobald (recurrent cancer)

Rebecca Wolfe (cancer)

In Mourning:

The family of Nancy Evans

The family of Hilda Morris

The family of Gerald Keller

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Birthdays This Week:

10/13 David Breese 10/14 Jason Kimmet

10/13 Kayla Owens 10/14 Zach Profit 10/17 Rosemary Strick

"Accept the Invitation" - Matthew 22:1-14

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Jesus told an allegorical story about a king whose son was getting. Even among the poor, a wedding called for a weeklong party. Therefore, you would assume that everybody would want to come to such an expensive party. Wrong! Many specially invited guests refused to come. Jesus was clearly referring to the Jewish people who had been invited to be God's chosen people. They were to be His cradle for the Messiah, a chosen race, and a holy priesthood designed to bless the entire world. But the Jews persecuted most of the prophets sent by God, and tragically, they rejected the Messiah when He came.

The King then extended his invitation to everybody, Jews and Gentiles, the good and the bad, the rich and the poor. It is a glorious truth that every person is invited into the Kingdom of God. Come as you are! God accepts us as we are, but loves us far too much to leave us as we are. Then comes that difficult final part of the story. The king found a fellow at the party who was not wearing the proper attire and kicked him out. You probably are thinking: if the king was tolerant enough to let anyone come to his party, why would he get bent out of shape over what they are wearing?

TEACHING POINTS

TEACHING POINT 1: We must accept the invitation.

TEACHING POINT 2: We cannot come to God on our own terms. God expects us to clothe ourselves with the character of Christ's love, not the "cheap grace" of doing what we want.

TEACHING POINT 3: Have you truly made Jesus Lord of your life by doing His will?

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14 ESV

ACTION POINT

Not wanting anyone to feel inferior, the king provided standard clothing for all the guests to wear. But the fellow in Matthew 22:11 was a rebel at heart. He disregarded the generosity of the king and decided to come on his <u>own terms</u>. Trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is what constitutes the <u>proper wedding garment</u>. If you are not humble and grateful enough to admit your need for the salvation He offers and accept it, you cannot come to God's party. The only person who cannot experience God's forgiveness is the one who thinks he has no sin. The only person who cannot be saved is that one who feels no need for a Savior. Jesus does not exclude us. If we reject his offer, we exclude ourselves. Let us humble ourselves before God and come to Him on His terms! Let us examine our lives to see if we are properly dressed.

Key Verses: Revelation 22:18-19, p. 1133 Matthew 7:24-28, p. 883