

SOUNDS OF SALEM

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November 2014
Revised Common Lectionary
Year A

21st Sunday after Pentecost—November 2

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
I Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

22nd Sunday after Pentecost—November 9

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

23rd Sunday after Pentecost—November 16

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

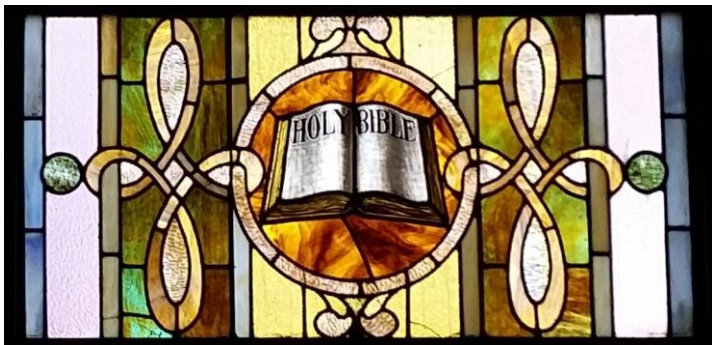
Christ the King/Reign of Christ—November 23

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

1st Sunday of Advent—November 30

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Salem's Bible and Crown Windows



On the **Bible Window**, you can see on the top the palms, which remind us of Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry in

Jerusalem, and the lily, which reminds us of Easter and Christ's resurrection. The name of those who gave the window or in memory of whom the window was given is encircled with a heart. This reminds us of God's great love for us, and of the love for God and people that prompted the gift of the window. At the center of the window is the Bible. The Bible is God's Word for us, and the source of our faith and hope.

Read: 1 Peter 1:22-25

Reflect: How can you use the Bible every day?

Pray: Ask God to help you continue to turn to the Bible for comfort, hope, guidance, and learning.



The **Crown Window** reminds us that Christ is our King, and that He will establish His Kingdom of justice and peace.

Read: Revelation 21:1-8

Reflect: Who rules your life?

Pray: Make Christ the King of your life now.

Source: "The Salem Confirmation Class Handbook"

Ebola: Fear Not

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10 NLT



Ebola, the rise of ISIS, and the craziness in our world should drive us not to fear but instead drive us to our knees. That's when our God takes over. But let's consider just one stressful issue: Ebola. *Continued on page 4*

Venedocia in Autumn

An aerial photo showing the rich colors of fall and harvest.



Halloween at Venedocia

After Trick or Treat, the kids and families of the community filled the Lions Club building for a costume judging contest.



Christmas Shoebox Opportunity

Please plan to pack a shoebox this year for **Operation Christmas Child**, which is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Last year, nearly 10 million gift-filled shoeboxes were sent to children in 140 different nations. Each one not only had gifts to brighten the lives of these children, but they also contained the life changing message of the Gospel.

Super Typhoon Haiyan pummeled the Philippines last year with winds as high as 195 miles per hour and waves nearly 20 feet high crashed over the coastline, leaving 4 million people homeless. Samaritan's Purse sent two cargo planes loaded with relief supplies and



then sent a third to airlift 65,000 shoeboxes to the children in this devastated area. To those who had lost all their possessions, it was a sign of hope that others cared. Your shoebox will have a lasting effect on a child somewhere in the world and many are given to children right here in America.

Please bring your shoeboxes to Salem Church by Sunday morning, **November 23, 2014!** They will be delivered to Channel 44 in Lima that afternoon.



Labels and instructions are available at the church. To learn more about how to pack a shoebox go to: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Salvation Army



We are collecting cans of chicken or beef broth for the Salvation Army and the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas meals! Our goal is 500-600 small cans!

Women's Association

The Women's Association will meet at the church at 10:30 AM on **November 20** to travel to Berne, IN for their **Thanksgiving Luncheon**. Ladies, if you would like to join us, please call Ann Rees at 419-667-3215.

Senior Luncheon

The next Senior Luncheon will be at the Lions Club on **December 3rd at 12:00 pm**. Come to socialize, to eat a delicious meal together, and play Bingo!



What's Happening in Elementary Sunday School?

The children of the church assemble a bulletin board to reflect what they have learned in their Sunday School class. Five weeks, five bulletins boards, 1 Gospel and 12 great kids!



Week 1: Genesis 1:1 "God created Heaven and Earth." We took a look at the last book of the Bible to get an idea of what God said Heaven actually looks like.



Week 2: In Genesis chapter 1-2, we learned God created plants, animals, and us! (Psalm 139:13-14)



Week 3: Still in Genesis, we see the beginning of us being separated from God. To give us a good picture of

sin, the kids wrote out many sins on dirty paper and glued them to a black sheet. There was even an angel with a fiery sword at the gates of the Garden. (Romans 3:23 and 6:23)



Week 4: This week we learned just how far God was willing to go to show us His love and desire to bring us back to Him. (John 3:16) The bulletin board for this week showed a red sheet with hearts covering the black sheet of sin. This represents Jesus' love and His blood shed for our sins. (Ephesians 1:7)



Week 5: In our final week, we found that Jesus didn't stay dead. (Luke 24:1-6) We learned of Jesus' forgiveness through His resurrection. We don't have to be separated from God, our Father, anymore!

The children were led in a simple prayer just like this one...

"Dear God, I have sinned and I am sorry. Please forgive me. I believe Jesus took the punishment for my sin by dying on the cross. I choose right now to accept Jesus into my heart. Thank you for your forgiveness and for loving me. In Jesus' name. Amen." (Romans 10:13) (1 John 1:9)

"Ebola: Fear Not" continued from page 1

A Breakpoint transcript of a recent broadcast of Shepard Smith of Fox News challenged what he called the "hysterical voices" that are scattering fear and anxiety over Ebola in the United States. After recounting to listeners "You should have no concerns about Ebola at all. None. I promise," Smith commented, "Fear not. Do not listen to the hysterical voices on the radio and the television or read the fear-provoking words online. The people who say and write hysterical things are being very irresponsible."

While Smith said, "Fear not." I doubt whether Smith was aware that he was quoting scripture. God and His messengers uttered those important words to believers at least eighty times in the Bible. In some assessments, "fear not" and variations such as "don't be afraid" are the utmost repeated instructions in Scripture. That is suitable, because it also might be the most disobeyed command in our contemporary life. Let us claim our peace of mind in Christ.

Let's not fear, but "In God We Trust."

Source: Breakpoint Commentaries

Two Kings – The Clash of Kingdoms

It is not an accident that this past Sunday, November 23 of the church year, is "Christ the King" Sunday, and it is followed by the first Sunday in the church year, the first Sunday in Advent (November 30). The King of Kings is the same baby who was born in a manger.

Matthew's Gospel records in Chapter 2 the clash of kingdoms that this baby enters. The first sentence sets up the conflict: "During the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?'"

There are two kings! The word "King" (referring to Herod) or "Herod" is mentioned seven times. Opposite these, "child" is mentioned five times. The most powerful forces on earth are arrayed against the child who is the King of Kings.

It is this child that Scripture describes as the Word: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:1-3, 14).

This explains who Jesus is and what he has done. It explains the nature of the conflict of kingdoms of the earth and heaven. And it leads us to give thanks and worship this baby born a king. It leads us to live as citizens of one kingdom and not the other. This knowledge of our faith is what gives us understanding of the invisible kingdom to which we belong.

The Sacred Duty of Voting

By tradition, it is our civic duty as Americans to cast our votes on Tuesday, November 4th. In the creation of our nation there never was a separation of church and state.

In 1642, Woburn, Massachusetts, was founded by Captain Edward Johnson, a contemporary of Governor John Winthrop. Captain

Edward Johnson described the town's first election in Wonder-Working Proidences of Sion's Saviour in New



England, 1654: "The number of faithful people of Christ... gather into a church... Having fasted and prayed... they joined together in a holy Covenant with the Lord and with one another... Those who are chosen to a place in government must be men truly fearing God, wise and learned in the truths of Christ... Neither will any Christian of a sound judgment vote for any, but those who earnestly contend for the faith."



Alexis de Tocqueville wrote of elections in Democracy in America, 1835: "If a political character attacks a (religious) sect, this may not prevent even the partisans of that very sect from supporting him; but if he attacks all the sects together, every one abandons him and he remains alone... Moreover, all the sects of the United States are comprised within the great unity of Christianity."

On elections, President Calvin Coolidge stated in a Radio Address, November 3, 1924: "I therefore urge upon all the voters of our country, without reference to party, that they assemble... at their respective voting places in the exercise of the high office of American citizenship, that they approach the ballot box in the spirit that they would approach a sacrament, and there, disregarding all appeals to passion and prejudice, dedicate themselves truly and wholly to the welfare of their country." Calvin Coolidge continued: "When an election is so held, it... sustains the belief that the voice of the people is the voice of God."

On September 20, 2001, President George W. Bush addressed Congress: "Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists... They hate our freedoms - our freedom of religion, our freedom of speech, our freedom to vote."

Source: Bill Federer writings

What Is Reformed Theology?

There is something healthy about returning to one's roots. When it comes to evangelical Christianity, its roots are found in the soil of the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation. Just as the Reformers protested the ex-Biblical teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, so today evangelicalism itself is in need of a modern reformation.

In **What Is Reformed Theology?** the great teacher, Dr. R.C. Sproul, offers a comprehensive introduction to Reformed theology. It is now offered without cost through the internet. Simply put, it is the theology of the Protestant Reformers and the heart of historical evangelicalism. As C.H. Spurgeon once said, "Reformed theology is nothing other than Biblical Christianity."

Watch Free Lectures in this Teaching Series: [Link](http://www.ligonier.org) found at <http://www.ligonier.org>

Source: Ligonier.org

Church Business

Session Notes from October 2014

Session had a regular meeting on October 19. It was reported that Stacia Profit has four students regularly attending the new high school class "really hooked." One of the goals of this curriculum is to show that every word in the Bible is really true. Celebrate Recovery continues with two to three regular participants; this group may eventually merge with a similar group in Spencerville. Kathy McCollow reported that the music committee has the special music lined up through mid-January.

Please note the following significant dates:

November 2: All Saints Day

Remembering our lost loved ones of this past year.

November 9: Veterans Day Service

Also, the session will meet with the trustees on this day, to prepare the *2015 Budget*. The budget will be presented to the congregation the following Sunday.

November 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service

December 7: Advent Breakfast

Thanks

"Perhaps you sent a card, made a call, or said a prayer for us all. Perhaps you prepared food for the wonderful dinner. Whatever form of kindness you have shown, we would like to thank you, for your kindness will never be forgotten."

~The family of Audrey Burnett

"Dear Salem Presbyterian Church Members,

Thank you so much for your kind words of sympathy and the beautiful flower basket for our mother, Hilda Morris. While mom wasn't able to participate in church services very much during the last couple of years, she so much

enjoyed a lifetime of love and companionship that the Venedocia Church community brought her. We have so many wonderful memories of growing up in the church and you have made us who we are today.

The Salem ladies provided such a wonderful meal and gave us time to reconnect with friends and family. We will always cherish this blessed church community. Thank you so much for your kindness! God bless,

The family of Hilda Morris

~ Stephanie, Kim, Tim, and extended family.

Church Family

November Birthdays

Avery Zielke	11/1
Carla Breese	11/5
Evelyn Hoverman	11/5
Marjorie Rhoades	11/5
Missy Zielke	11/5
Sarah Kimmet	11/11
Catie Emery	11/12
Terry Profit	11/13
Doug Jones	11/16
Evelyn Pugh	11/24
Jeremy Ebel	11/28
Kathy McCollow	11/29
Mike Breese	11/30



November Anniversaries

Dave & Sandy Clayborn	11/7
Terry & Vicki Profit	11/13
Larry & Joyce Profit	11/27
Charles & Norma Boroff	11/28
David & Jean Owens	11/28
Herman & Nell Jean Wienken	11/30



Favorite Memories of Salem Church

I've been a part of this church since Dad and Mom moved here in 1927. I've had the privilege of being on the Music Committee for many, many years. I was the chorister, leading the congregation in song for 35-40 years. We helped set up for Gamanfa Ganu; getting soloists, quartets, and such. I remember when my wife and I took care of the church for 11 years. My wife would clean upstairs and I took care of the basement and furnace. I'm proud of being part of this church for so many years. My whole life is surrounded by this church. -Lee Lare

As a kid in Youth Group we would trick or treat for UNICEF every Halloween. As an adult, I taught Sunday School to the 3-4 year olds. I also enjoyed Junior Choir very much. - Gloria Leiter.

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Sammi Jones**Those with Health Concerns**

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Vernon Hobbs, Sr.
Linda Howell (Jeff Coil's sister – congestive heart failure)
Jesse (a mother with a heroin addiction)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice—mother of Jan Jones)
Amanda Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment and M.S.)
Tim Morris
Ione Owens
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Warren Summersett
Paula Klein (cancer – friend of Evelyn Martz)
Joyce Profit (heart problems)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Bill Rowlett (church neighbor, heart problems)
Maxine Stewart (mother of Kim Coil)
Tom Theobald (recurrent cancer)
Gwenda Blackmore (foot surgery)
Sonny Martz (health concerns)

In Mourning

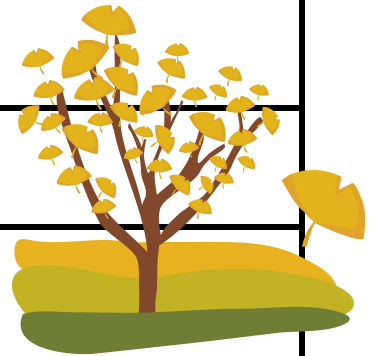
The family of Audrey Burnett
The family of Nancy Evans
The family of Gerald Keller
The family of Hilda Morris
The family of Jean Foust

*Please remember our elderly members, soldiers and
college students with cards & visits.*

NOVEMBER EVENTS



Sunday, November 2 ALL SAINTS DAY	9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery	Remember! Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
Sunday, November 9 VETERANS' DAY	9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM Session & Trustee Meeting	
Sunday, November 16	9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery 4:00 PM Session Meeting	
Thursday, November 20	10:30 AM Women's Association – Thanksgiving Luncheon	
Sunday, November 23	9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM Youth Group	
Wednesday, November 26 THANKSGIVING SERVICE	7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	
Sunday, November 30	9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery	



SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER

Week of	Greeters*	Ushers	Acolyte	Nursery**
November 2	Charles Good	Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family	Zielke Kids	Jeff & Kelly Lloyd
November 9	Charles Good	Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family	Zielke Kids	Ross & Alyssa Evans
November 16	Charles Good	Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family	Zielke Kids	Toby & Elizabeth Adkins
November 23	Charles Good	Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family	Zielke Kids	Dave & Carla Breese
November 30	Charles Good	Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family	Zielke Kids	Bob & Kathy McCollow

*Besides greeting with a smile, greeters should be at the outside landing to watch the steps and parking lot as well as assist with the elevator to help those in need.

** Nursery workers please bring snacks for 15 children.



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Sunday, November 2, 2014
Special Music: Tamara M.

Sunday, November 9, 2014
Special Music: Junior Choir

Sunday, November 16, 2014
Special Music: Sheila Collins

Sunday, November 23, 2014
Special Music: Bell Choir

Sunday, November 30, 2014
Special Music: Ann Dunn

