

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2015**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Price Children

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

**The Glory of God**

#6, *hymnal p. 467*

\*Hymn

**Take Time to Be Holy**

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\*Prayer of Confession: **O Lord, Your presence surrounds us, and yet too often we go about our daily lives oblivious to the power of the Holy Spirit moving in our midst. Let us, together, confess the ways in which we are blind to God's ever-present care. We make ourselves busy with many things, and neglect to listen to Your voice. All too often we see the worst in the world around us, and look past Your signs of hope. We are quick to voice our dissent with one another, and refuse to see Your face in the persons with whom we disagree. We focus on our own hurts, anger, and disappointments, and close our hearts to Your transforming grace. Forgive us. Take our hearts of stone, and make them new again with Your holy love. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

*(Take a moment of silent confession.)*

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Response

**Glory Be to the Father**

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

**Hear Our Prayer, O Lord**

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Special Music

**Amazing Grace**

Tamara Mullenhour

Gospel Lesson

**Mark 9:2-9**

919

Epistle Lesson

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

1052

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn

**Sanctus**

*Welsh Hymnal, 30*

Special Music

Sheila Collins

Sermon

**"The Transfiguration"**

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**

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

**Diadem**

*Welsh Hymnal, 13*

\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

**Three Fold Amen**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.



**Today:**

**02-22-15**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
4:00 PM

Worship (nursery with Bill & Elgarda McGee)  
Sunday School  
Session Meeting

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**Sunday:**

**03-01-15**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM

Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)  
Sunday School

**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$14,469.00
Rec'd 02-08-15:	\$5,489.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$12,598.44

**Announcements:**

Today's **Adult Sunday School** topic is, "Muslim Pirates, Martin Luther, John Smith & The Pilgrims."

The **St. David's Banquet** will be next **Sunday, March 1**, at 11:15 am. Please see Session Members to purchase tickets.

**Easter Schedule at a Glance:** Palm Sunday Service – March 29. Maundy Thursday Evening Service – April 2. Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast – April 5.

**The Women's Association** will hold their first meeting of the year on Thursday, March 19. Please see Mary Ellen for a 2015 program booklet.

**Senior Luncheons** are back, beginning March 25!

Please submit March Newsletter information, prayer requests, announcements, etc. to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc) or place in Tamara's mailbox slot in the church office by 9:00 am, February 27.

This year we will celebrate our **100<sup>th</sup> Gymanfa Ganu!** If you have photos, stories, or information pertaining to this great tradition, please email the secretary (see address above), or turn in to Jean Owens or any member of the Music Committee.



<p><b>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.</b></p>
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Venedocia, Ohio

*Established 1848, Built 1898*

**Rev. Thomas Emery**  
**“The Transfiguration” - Mark 9:2-9**  
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The disciples could not have been prepared for what would take place on that particular mountain that day. They saw a sudden change come over Jesus, and He appeared in a brilliant light. Mark tells it, *"His clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them."* Yes, the disciples knew Jesus was special, but they had never experienced anything like this. They saw Jesus transfigured right in front of them. More than that, they saw Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah.

Moses, gave the people the Ten Commandments, and he led them to the Promised Land. Elijah was the first prophet, and he was taken up into heaven in a chariot of fire. The Jewish people commonly believed that Elijah would return one day in the same way he departed. These two represented the Law and the Prophets, the foundation of authority in Jewish life.

**TEACHING POINTS**

**Teaching Point 1:** *Jesus can't be put into a box.* One can't believe the Bible and doubt the divinity of Jesus Christ.

**Teaching Point 2:** *There are times when God interrupts our lives.*

**Teaching Point 3:** *Our mountaintop experiences prepare us for life in the valleys of the ordinary world.*

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

“As the men watched, Jesus’ appearance was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them.” Mark 9: 2b-3 NLT

**ACTION POINT**

They witnessed one of the most spectacular and dramatic incidents in the life of Jesus, known as the Transfiguration. The confused disciples were given a preview of what the future held. At that very special moment, they saw an amazing sight, a combination of heaven and earth, time and all eternity. Along with Mark, both Matthew and Luke record this story, and they all record it as an experience of ecstasy. How do you explain such a marvelous scene? You don't! You just accept it as the eternal God again witnessing to who his Son was. There are dimensions of life beyond the obvious which are not reached through logic or reason, but through passion, through awe. God wants us to be sure of Jesus, and sure of ourselves. It can happen when we close out the daily routine and intently focus on God.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)  
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)  
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)  
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)  
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)  
Jesse (heroin addiction)  
Betty Lloyd  
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)  
Tim Morris (liver transplant)  
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)  
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)  
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)  
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)  
Warren Summersett  
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)  
Taylor Stephens & Family  
Gene Ellerbrock (in failing health – April Ellerbrock's father-in-law)  
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)

**In Mourning:**

The Family of Dennis Owens  
The Family of Sue Moeller  
The Family of Sue Leiendecker  
The Family of Angel Lawrence's Mother

**Serving our Country:**

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)  
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)