

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, March 1, 2015**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude  
 Lighting of the Candles Price Children

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 22:23-31 491

\*Hymn Rachie *Welsh Hymnal*, 1

\*Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we confess that our sin turns us from You again and again. We want not only to save our lives, but to gain the whole world as well. We are too often ashamed to show our faith to the world around us. You say, “Deny yourself! Take up your cross! And follow Me!” These words are hard for us, Lord. Perhaps these words are hard for us because they call forth a deep commitment from us. We are afraid of suffering. Lord, take our weak faith and declare us righteous through our faith in Jesus, who died for our sins. Strengthen our witness to the world. Hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 **Gweddi Yr Arglwydd** *Welsh Hymnal*, V

Slideshow & Comments **St. David’s Day** Rev. Thomas Emery

Special Music Junior Choir

Gospel Lesson **Mark 8:31-38** 919  
 Epistle Lesson **Romans 4:13-25** 1027

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn **Aberystwyth** *Welsh Hymnal*, 17

Sermon **“Cross Examined”** 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 **Cwm Rhondda** *Welsh Hymnal*, 40

\*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.



*We welcome you to celebrate St. David’s Day with us after the service.  
 Donuts and punch will be served.*

**Today:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM

**03-01-15**

Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)  
Sunday School

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
6:30 PM

**03-08-15**

Worship (nursery with Kent & Heather McClure)  
Sunday School  
Trustee Meeting

**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$16,536.00
Rec'd 02-22-15:	\$1,972.89	Rec'd to Date:	\$14,571.33

**Announcements:**

Please stay for donuts and punch in celebration of St. David's Day after the service!

Today's **Adult Sunday School** topic is, "Is the United States Becoming a Dhimmni Nation?"

**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.

Mark your calendar for Wed. **March 25** for the first **Senior Luncheon** of the year!

The **Youth Group** will be attending **Converge 2015** March 27-28, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm.

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

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The session requests all who are interested in providing food for the funeral dinners to sign-up in the vestibule and check which food categories you prefer (Salads, Casseroles, Hot Vegetables, and Desserts).

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<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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Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Gene Ellerbrock (in failing health – April Ellerbrock's father-in-law)  
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)  
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)  
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)  
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)  
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**Teaching Point Two:** *Take up your cross.* The cross is a symbol for the world to see. It is a symbol of sacrifice that gives each and every one of us hope and faith and courage.

**Teaching Point Three:** *Deny your selfish ways.* It means taking on a willingness to sacrifice for our faith. We are now in Lent, and one of the traditions of Lent is to give up something as a spiritual discipline.

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**ACTION POINT**

No concept has been as corrupted in the common language as this one: “bearing a cross.” People say, “I have arthritis as my cross to bear.” “I have a lazy husband, but that's just my cross to bear.” You and I know such problems have nothing to do with Jesus' words. When you bear Jesus' cross, you are saying something entirely different.

You are saying that you are willing to serve God, you are willing to serve others, and you are willing to put aside selfish concerns and focus your attention on God's Kingdom. If that costs you money, if you have to give up some of your precious time, or if you have to get out of your comfort zone, then that is just what you will have to do. When you bear a cross, God's will comes first in your life. Ask yourself, “Is that where I am today? Does that accurately describe my life?”

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