

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 14, 2015

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 20

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*Hymn

O Worship the King

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Prayer of Confession O' Jesus Christ, we confess there are times when we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; there are times when our personal agendas become more important than Yours; through our lack of interest or involvement, there are times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith; finally, there are times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that we forget what You have said and done and promised. Lord Jesus Christ, our faith has become dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we will remain connected to You at all times and in all places. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. (*Take a moment of silent confession*).

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Glory Be to the Father

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The Lord's Prayer

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM
4:00 PM
6:30 PM

Thursday:
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Announcements:

The **Music Committee** will meet today at 4:00 pm.

The **Trustees** will hold their monthly meeting on today at 6:30 pm.

The **Women's Association** will meet this month on **Thursday, June 18** at 9:30 am.



Vacation Bible School will be held on **June 18 and 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm**. All children ages 3 – 12 are welcome to come (meet at the park next to Lion's Club, weather permitting) to meet Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego and learn how they stayed strong and courageous, even when they faced a fiery death! To **pre-register**, you may use a form found in the church vestibule or call Carol Emery or the church (leave a message with your child's name and your phone number). Please let Carol know if you are willing to volunteer your help! Get ready kids, and come ready to **Roar Like a Lion!**

Anniversaries This Week:

6/17 Bill & Elgarda McGee

Birthdays This Week:

6/14 Sandra Caffro
6/18 Charlie Good



06-14-15

Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
Adult Sunday School Class
Music Committee Meeting
Trustee Meeting

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06-18-15

Women's Association Meeting

06-21-15 Father's Day

Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)
Adult Sunday School Class
Session Meeting



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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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)
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 in remission)
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)
Judy Foust (knee surgery)
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Tina Mayes
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)
Aaron Ries (age 15, received a heart transplant – son of Bruce Ries)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Taylor Stephens & Family
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Haydn Williams (esophagus cancer treatment)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Steve Martz (pancreatitis intensive care)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)
Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves) *deployed to Iraq*

In Mourning:

The Family of Ruth E. Morris

Rev. Thomas Emery

"New In Christ" – 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

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Paul has confidence because he has finally heard in a profound way that he belongs to God. He has gained a glimpse of the home that is our universal yearning. Paul suggests that our longing for home is truthfully answered in two ways: our learning that we belong to God, and our learning that we belong to one another as a new Christian family. Paul affirms that his confidence is not made by human hands. His confidence, his ability to maintain hope and heart, comes from the grace of Jesus Christ in his life.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *Every one of us is flawed, and the surprising thing is that even when we are aware of our flaws, we often refuse to let go of them.* We are imperfect creatures.

Teaching Point 2: *No person separated from God need ever stay the way he is.* There is no newness of life, nor reconciliation of God, apart from Jesus Christ dying on the cross for us.

Teaching Point 3: *All those who believe in Christ, are "ambassadors for Christ," commissioned to represent Christ in this world.* To be "reconciled to God" means to extend God's reconciling grace to all others.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT)

ACTION POINT

Paul puts this idea another way in his letter to the Galatians: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (3:28). I've got a home in God's kingdom. That is the good news, good news that will often require us to re-examine our life goals. Our hearts are restless where we are captured by the human point of view. Saint Augustine, was right in saying that our only rest is found in our true home: our Creator and Redeemer and Sustainer, the God we know in Jesus Christ. Seek God with your whole heart, soul and mind – with everything you are. To God be the glory!