

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 26, 2015
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles Elijah Martz

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 14** 485

*Hymn **Rachie** *Welsh Hymnal*, 1

Prayer of Confession: Lord, we know how we have failed to be Your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of Your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by Your gentleness. Shape us as Your people, and restore us to faithful living. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Take a moment of silence to offer your personal prayers of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon
Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church
 Prayers of the People
Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music **"Lamb of God"** Tamara Mullenhour
Twila Paris/arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Readings **John 6:1-21** 971
Ephesians 3:14-21 1065

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Mae D'eisiau Di Bob Awr** *Welsh Hymnal*, 62

Sermon **"Know the Fullness of God"** 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 **The Lily of the Valley** *Welsh Hymnal*, 113

*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.

The alter flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Vern & Liz Hobbs.



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$59,943.00
Rec'd 07-19-15:	\$1,183.55	Rec'd to Date:	\$53,709.98

Today: 07-26-15
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Kent & Heather McClure)
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class

Tuesday: 07-28-15
12:00 – 5:00 PM Youth Group Day at Camp Clay Water Park

Friday: 07-31-15
5:00 – 7:30 PM Ice Cream Social

Sunday: 08-02-15
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jan Jones)
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School Class

Announcements:

Salem Church Ice Cream Social is *this Friday, July 31, 5:00 – 7:30 pm* at the Lion's Club building in Venedocia. Lion's Club Sausage and Sycamore Ice Cream will be served along with other dinner and dessert items.

You may **bring** your desserts and food items to the Lion's Club Building by **3:00 pm**.

Please **sign-up** to help at the Ice Cream Social on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule!

It's **Youth Group Day at Camp Clay Water Park** on **Tuesday, 12:00 – 5:00, July 28!**

Any announcements, photos, or information that can be included in August's **newsletter**, should be submitted to the secretary by Wednesday the 29th. If you have any **photographs** you would like included with a **special memory**, we now have the capability to scan photos in high quality. Please see Tamara. Thank you!

Adult Sunday School will be in the backroom fifteen minutes after the service.

The trustees have requested that **pets be caged during emergency weather shelter** in the church basement.

Our **100th Gymanfa Ganu** is approaching quickly and many plans are in place to make this celebration a memorable one! Held annually on Labor Day Weekend, this year it is on Sunday evening, **September 6**. A light supper will be served from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and the Festival of Song will begin at 7:00 pm.

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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.

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Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
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 (broken hip)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Steve Martz (pancreatitis)
Evelyn Pugh
Aaron Ries (age 15, received a heart transplant – son of Bruce Ries)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Taylar Stephens & Family
John Stutz
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)
Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)

Serving our Country:

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

In Mourning:

The Family & Friends of Angela Martz

Birthdays This Week:

7/26	Brent Price	7/29	Heather McClure
7/29	Doug Strickler	7/31	Kristyn Jones
7/31	Zach Wise	8/2	Lee Lare

Anniversaries This Week:

7/27 Jeff & Kelly Lloyd

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Know the Fullness of God” Ephesians 3:14-21
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In our passage in Ephesians, Paul prays for three things for that Ephesian church. He prays that God will strengthen them by His Spirit; he prays that Christ will dwell in their hearts by faith, and he prays that they are rooted and established in love.

Paul didn't just tell the church to do merely these three. He realized the church isn't designed to operate like a purely social organization. The church can exist on its own, but it can't thrive and fulfill its mission for God. If it could survive on its own, it would be a human effort, dictated by the wealthy and influential, and led by the highly successful. If a church tries to go it alone without praying for God's presence and power, then that congregation runs amuck by having all kinds of carnal problems.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *God's love is not like our love.*

Teaching Point Two: *God's acceptance is not based upon our performance.*

Teaching Point Three: *We need to work on our side of the relationship.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.” Ephesians 3:18

ACTION POINT

Paul presses for the understanding that the love of Christ surpasses all knowledge. It is our human nature to want to control every situation and to provide all that is necessary to complete tasks or remedy challenging circumstances. Nevertheless, if we will surrender ourselves to God's will for us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourself and in prayer allow God to do His part, we will be filled with all the riches and understanding that the conditions require. In Matthew 25, we have some specifics of how we love God by loving one another. Our side of the contract requires us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned. Let's turn our ministry over to God and as the author of Proverbs advises: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight" (Proverbs 3:5). So, let's allow God to be God and to do what is possible only with God. As we do our contribution, God will fill in the gaps and complete the mission.