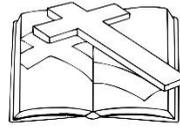


Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 20, 2015
17th Sunday after Pentecost



Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles Price Children

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 1 479

*Hymn Love Divine 2

Prayer of Confession: **God of patience and mercy, we acknowledge that we come to You and offer shallow commitments to serving You. We want all the glory and prestige; but when things get difficult, or when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be Your disciples; not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. To You be all the glory. In Your Name, we pray. Amen.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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**

Scripture Readings **Mark 9:30-37** 920
James 3:13-4:3, 7 1102

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **For the Beauty of the Earth** 54
 Sermon **"How To Be Great"** Rev. Thomas Emery

Prayer: **Spirit of the living God – fall fresh on me**
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God – fall fresh on me

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 **Sanctus** Welsh Hymnal, 30
 *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.



Financial Update:
 Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$76,479.00
 Rec'd 09-13-15: \$1,184.30 Rec'd to Date: \$68,898.44

September 20, 2015

Today: 09-20-15
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages
4:00 PM Session Meeting

Thursday: 09-23-15
12:00 PM Senior Luncheon

Sunday: 09-27-15 LINCOLNVIEW BIBLE BOARD
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)
10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

Announcements:

We still have **brass ornaments** available for purchase (\$12.00) from the Gymanfa Ganu! Please see Ann Rees or Doris Price.

Children's and Adult Sunday School for this fall begins today!

Senior Luncheons are back! Meet at the Lion's Club this Wednesday, September 23, at 12:00 pm for a delicious meal and fellowship.

The church put together a **recipe book** years ago, and we would like to add to it! Please send in your favorite recipes to secretary@saalemchurch.cc or hand to Tamara.

Please submit all photos and information for the **October Newsletter** to Tamara by this Friday, August 25.

Recordings of both the Sunday morning service and Gymanfa Ganu service from September 6, are available to listen to on our church website: www.salemchurch.cc

Thank You:

"Thank you all for the prayers, visits, food and support during Mom's long journey home. The flower arrangement was beautiful and very fitting. The Dove reminded Livi of watching the birds with her Great MeMaw. Mom's chains are gone and she is standing up straight and happy in heaven!"

~Janice Jones and family



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)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)
Melanie Huddleston (diagnosed with cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)
Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Evelyn Pugh
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
John Smith (house lost to fire)
John Stutz
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

Praises:

Nicholas Poling, grandson of Charlie Good, is home and recovering well!

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)

Birthdays This Week:

9/20	Megan Jones	9/26	Cindy Davis
9/23	April Ellerbrock	9/27	Marian Morris
9/25	Darlene Jones	9/27	Brian Ellerbrock
		9/27	Lisa Lloyd

Rev. Thomas Emery
“How To Be Great” Mark 9:30-37
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One day Jesus was walking with His disciples. As they walked, they talked among themselves. At the time, they did not realize that Jesus could overhear them. When they later arrived at their destination, Jesus questions them about it. The topic of discussion was “who was the greatest among them.” Exactly what they said, we don’t know, but I imagine that the conversation went something like Simon Peter claiming to be Jesus’ right hand man, a part of the inner circle, and the spokesman of the group. “Therefore, I am the greatest.” Then, the others justified themselves with their positions and sacrifices that they made also claiming to be the greatest.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *True greatness may be hidden from view.*

Teaching Point Two: *True greatness is not self-promotion of wanting to be first.*

Teaching Point Three: *We need to discipline our great egos and to realize that service to all is true greatness.* The path to greatness is to commit your life to serving the least and the lowest.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

³⁵ *“He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, ‘Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.’”* (Mark 9:35 NLT)

ACTION POINT

Jesus taught that in heaven we will find some surprises. We will find that recognition and rewards will be given for behavior that was so ordinary, undistinguished, and simple. Take the illustration that Jesus gives of receiving a child. Perhaps, Jesus was highlighting how low the child was by comparison. He is talking about having a humble servant attitude, being willing to reach out and help the lowliest of people so that we might show them the love of Christ. Such caring acts will be greatly rewarded. Many of us will be surprised to find that their faithful simple acts of service has brought them top commendations. The servant will be honored; the last shall be first. And if there is one thing in this world that short circuits such simple acts it is self-promotion. Let us do the daily seemingly insignificant work of Jesus reaching out and serving others! You will be rewarded by Jesus!