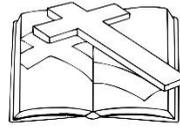


Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 27, 2015
18th Sunday after Pentecost



Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Price Children

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 124** 560

*Hymn **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above** 3

Prayer of Confession: **O’ Lord, when sin and death hover around us, like famished vultures, You fill us with new strength so it cannot feed on us. When our bitterness clamps tight around our hearts with its steel-trap teeth, You pry us loose with Your scarred hands so we might walk in faith with You. When we stack our hurts one on top of the another like kindling wood, ready to set the match of our explosive anger to the pile, You pour Your Spirit of forgiveness upon them, until they are soaked so thoroughly, nothing can ignite them. Our help, our hope, our life, and our peace, are truly found in You. 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 9:38-50** 920

James 5:13-20 1103

Special Music

Susan Leffel & Connie O’Neill

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Be Still My Soul** 290

Sermon **“The Prayer of Faith”** Rev. Thomas Emery

Prayer: **Spirit of the living God – fall fresh on me**
Spirit of the living God – fall fresh on me
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 **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.



*The flowers are given to the glory of God for his many blessings
by the family of Vernon & Leota Hobbs*

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$78,546.00
Rec'd 09-20-15:	\$1,912.55	Rec'd to Date:	\$70,810.99

September 27, 2015

Sunday: 09-27-15

9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)
10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages

Sunday: 10-04-15 COMMUNION

9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)
10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages

Announcements:

The Lincolnview Bible Board will present at Salem on Sunday, October 11.



You are invited to **Violet Ashton's 100th Birthday Party Open House** on Sunday, October 11 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Roselawn Manor in Spencerville. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending her a card!

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.

If you would like to purchase a **brass ornament** from the Gymanfa Ganu, please see Doris Price or Ann Rees.

Gomer Congregational Church will be holding their 98th **Gymanfa Ganu** on Sunday, October 4 at 7:00 pm. They will also be hosting a traditional **Welsh Breakfast** and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. The menu will include: Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrown potato cakes, biscuits, fruit with Welsh Cream, baked beans, mushrooms, homemade jelly, and coffee and juice. Tickets at the door at \$8 for adult and \$4 for children.

Birthdays This Week:

9/27	Lisa Lloyd	9/29	Stephanie Beck
9/27	Brian Ellerbrock	9/30	Jack Blackmore
9/28	Jon Friesner	10/2	Kory Mullenhour
		10/2	Brianna Ebel

Anniversaries This Week:

9/28	Eric & Jenny Pugh	10/2	Kevin & Heather Matthews
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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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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)
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)
Melanie Huddleston (severe cancer, had operation on Thursday – sister of Kim Coil)

Praises:

P.J. Burnett celebrates 42 years of a successful kidney transplant from sister Marilyn Foust!

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)

Rev. Thomas Emery
“The Prayer of Faith” James 5:13-20
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In the language of the modern church, our passage portrays actions of the "priesthood of all believers" ministering to each other in specific practices. While the way that the current church practices differs from those in New Testament times, the concern of Christians to serve one another in the church is the same. The text for today lifts before its readers the conviction of James that the early church had three significant characteristics: healing, praying, and rescuing.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *The church is a **healing** place.*

Teaching Point Two: *The church is a **praying** place.*

Teaching Point Three: *The church is a **caring** place.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

¹³“Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.”
(James 5:13-14 NLT)

ACTION POINT

As we close our study of the Book of James, you might have noticed that there is no farewell or benediction to end this Epistle. Unlike Paul's letters, James offers no closure to this Letter; this is because James is more of a preacher than a sophisticated writer. In deliberately ending this Letter this way, James is saying that this Letter is not complete until we put it into practice. It is not complete until we put its wisdom into action for the consistency between our walk and our talk. Let us be a church that practices the loving ministry that James describes!