

**Salem Presbyterian Church
 Sunday, November 8, 2015
 24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

*The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

*The Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag
I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

*Hymn **God of Our Fathers** 532

Call to Worship **Psalm 127** 561

Prayer of Confession: **Lord Jesus Christ, we expect that You will do what we want, whatever we ask. We want places of honor and all the glory. We want to be great. We want to be first. But You, O Christ, are servant of all. Forgive our brazenness. Forgive our self-importance. Teach us to be humble. Teach us to be more like You. In Jesus' 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**

Veteran's Honor

Scripture Readings **Mark 12:38-44** 924
Hebrews 9:24-28 1094

*Hymn **My Country, 'Tis of Thee** 529

Sermon **"Give Everything to God"** 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 **All Hail the Power** 42

*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.



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Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$90,948.00
Rec'd 11-01-15:	\$2,710.80	Rec'd to Date:	\$79,837.23

Today: 11-8-15 VETERANS SUNDAY
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Elgarda McGee)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday: 11-15-15
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Joint Session & Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Thank you to our veterans! We are grateful for your service to our nation.

The **Salvation Army** has requested our church to collect **450 boxes of brownie mix** which you can place in the barrels by the doors. Thank you!

Consider putting together a “shoe box” for **Operation Christmas Child** this year! Our church’s collection day is **November 22**. You can label your box using the Boy or Girl labels found in your bulletin.

The **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be on Wednesday, **November 25** at 7:00 pm.

The **congregational meeting** will be held directly after the service on Sunday, **November 29** including a vote on the budget.

An Advent Breakfast will follow the morning service at 10:30 am in the church basement on **December 6**.

There will not be a Senior Luncheon in the month of November because of Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendars for the **next Senior Luncheon**, held on **Wednesday, December 2**, at 12:00pm at the Lion’s Club!

Birthdays This Week:

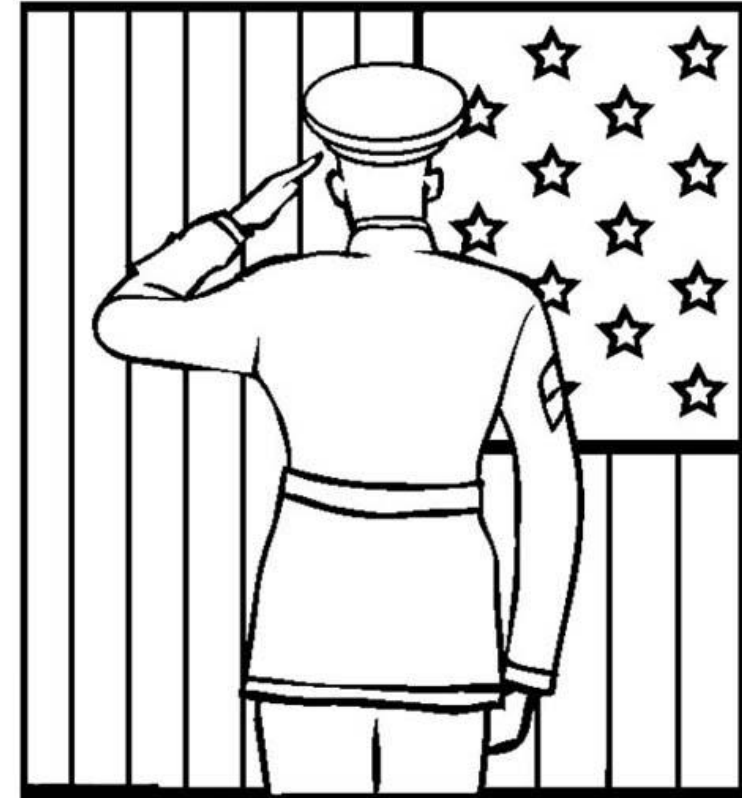
11/11 Sarah Kimmet 11/13 Terry Profit
11/12 Catie Emery

Anniversaries This Week:

11/13 Terry & Vicki Profit

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Veterans Day Service



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 (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)
Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Jay Mollenkopf (cancer – nephew of Doris Price)
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)
Kevin Thatcher (ALS)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Bill Wisher (car wreck – father of Madison Pugh's coach)

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 of Dean Black

If you have a prayer request, please write it down and leave it in the offering plate or send an email to secretary@saalemchurch.cc so that we can insert the prayer request with the correct spelling. Thank you!

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Give Everything to God” Mark 12:38-44
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The rich people were making a big show of presenting their offerings. They wanted people to be aware of their charity. They used large coins so that when the pieces of money fell into the box an impressive clanging sound could be heard by all. This poor widow, however, quietly placed in two tiny coins, the widow's mite, an offering with a value of about a penny. Probably no one else in the crowd noticed her offering. Only Jesus did. He called together his disciples and said to them, "That widow put more money into the treasury than anybody else, because they shared out of their abundance, but she gave all she had." Jesus was always thrilled to see authentic faith, authentic devotion, genuine love for God and one's neighbor. Is there any question this widow loved God?

TEACHING POINTS

POINT 1: *Many people who have been hurt by life or hurt by the church do not transfer their feelings of anger to God.* They may have felt that way at one time in their life, but somehow their faith has conquered their feeling of perceived betrayal. With time, they have both remembered and discovered that God is the best friend they could have in a time of hurt.

POINT 2: *The widow was demonstrating that God came first in her life.* There is a battle going on in many people's lives, a battle between God and money, a battle between Christian faith and materialism.

POINT 3: *We give in direct proportion to our faith.* Think about that for a moment. Conventional wisdom says that we give in proportion to our resources. But that's rarely true. Proportionally, most affluent families give very little to the church. Few of us give what we ought, but proportionally, in most churches, lower income people give more than higher income people.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

⁴³“Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. ⁴⁴For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.” (Mark 12:43-44 NLT)

ACTION POINT

Jesus praised the widow for her total commitment to God. Though she had practically nothing left, she gave what she had to God. Few people are capable of her kind of faith. Sacrificial giving penetrates our selfish hearts. C. S. Lewis in Mere Christianity wrote, “I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give; I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare...” The widow gave everything of herself; why not consider giving everything of yourself like her to be in the will of God.