

# Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 15, 2015

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

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Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

**1 Samuel 2:1-10**

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\*Hymn

**Maesgwyn**

*Welsh Hymnal*, 10

Prayer of Confession: **Lord, we admit that we are not ready for You, when You come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts. Let Your face shine, that we may be saved. Let us prepare ourselves for Your return. Let us not be surprised, but have us be prepared in expectation for Your judgment and Your mercy. Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts. Let Your face shine, that we may be saved. 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**

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

**The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music

Dave Lusk

Scripture Readings

**Mark 13:1-8**

925

**Hebrews 10:11-18**

1095

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn

**Sanctus**

*Welsh Hymnal*, 30

Sermon

**"Be Prepared Always"**

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**

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\*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**

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

**Immortal, Invisible**

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\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

**Three Fold Amen**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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*The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family.*

**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00

Needed to Date: \$93,015.00

Rec'd 11-08-15: \$1,269.55

Rec'd to Date: \$76,165.98

**Today:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
11:30 AM

**11-15-15**

Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)  
Sunday School  
Joint Session & Trustee Meeting

**Thursday:**

9:30 AM

**11-19-15**

Women's Association Meeting

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
11:00 AM

**11-22-15**

Worship (nursery TBA)  
Sunday School  
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection

**Announcements:**

The **Trustees and Session** will hold a joint meeting today at 11:30 am.

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

Consider putting together a "shoe box" for **Operation Christmas Child** this year! Our church's collection day is this Sunday, **November 22**. You can find more information and instructions on the vestibule table.

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.

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!

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

We are pleased to announce that Tamara gave birth to gave birth Tuesday to **Lucas Wayne Mullenhour**, at 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 inches. Both she and Cory are doing well.

The family of **Evelyn Pugh** would like to **honor her on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 24<sup>th</sup>** with a **card shower**. Her address is: Evelyn Pugh, Vancrest Healthcare SNF, 10357 Van Wert Decatur Road, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

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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

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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)

### **Birthdays This Week:**

11/16 Doug Jones

*If you have a prayer request, please write it down and leave it in the offering plate or send an email to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc) so that we can have a contact person to follow up and to insert the prayer request with the correct spelling and details. Thank you!*

**Rev. Thomas Emery**  
***“Be Prepared Always” Mark 13:1-8***  
**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
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Mark 13 is part of the end-times Biblical literature. The list of calamities would have been a familiar one to Mark's hearers. But, what in this world passes away? Transitory things will pass away, those fleeting things of earth. God and God's purposes are eternal. God's people are anchored in the everlasting. Therefore, we live in and for those qualities which endure. The future promise of Christ's return shapes our current living, because it fills "each moment" with the possibility of being the moment in which we see the glory of God.

### **TEACHING POINTS**

POINT ONE - *It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine.*

POINT TWO – *Delay gives us time to prepare.*

POINT THREE – *You don't have to wait for the end of time to enter God's Kingdom.*

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

*And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately (Mark 13:7 NLT).*

### **ACTION POINT**

God's power is never so available as when we are reduced to the extremity of despair. We are never told that difficult times will pass us by; rather, we are told difficulties will be temporary. Or, if they do not go away, grace will be given to cope with them. Paul's thorn in the flesh was never removed. "Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'" (2 Corinthians 12:8-9). What does it all mean? It is the Christian view of history. Ultimately, God will triumph. No matter what overtakes the earth, God is God. Disciples are to be watching, on the lookout, for the Son of Man whose arrival is certain even if His timing is unknown. We can keep our watch, being ready for whatever opportunities come for service in His Name.