

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 31, 2016
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles Price Children
 Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 71:1-6** 521

*Hymn **Ebenezer** *Welsh Hymnal*, 11

Prayer of Confession:

Love is patient; **for our quick-temperedness: Lord, have mercy.**
 Love is kind; **for our indifference towards others: Lord, have mercy.**
 Love is not envious; **for our petty jealousies: Lord, have mercy.**
 Love is not boastful; **for our pretentiousness: Lord, have mercy.**
 Love is not arrogant; **for our opinionated views: Lord, have mercy.**
 Love does not insist on getting its own way; **for our false sense of our own importance: Lord, have mercy.**
 Love does not rejoice in wrong-doing; **for our rejoicing in all the wrong things: Lord, have mercy.**
May God show us mercy, forgive us our sins against love, and lead us to life everlasting. 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**

Special Music Junior Bell Choir

Scripture Readings **Luke 4:21-30** 936
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 1047

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Aberystwyth** *Welsh Hymnal*, 17

Sermon **“The Way of Love”** 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 **To God Be the Glory** 449

*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 given are dedicated to the glory of God by Jack & Gwenda Blackmore.

Financial Updates:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$8,268.00
Rec'd 01-24-16:	\$1,707.16	Rec'd to Date:	\$5,380.99

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Sunday: **01-31-16**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday: **02-07-16**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Lizz Hobbs)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School will go verse by verse through the book of Romans. The class will examine how God intends our life to be and how God will judge each person on the final day.

Communion will be observed Sunday, February 7.

“Souper Bowl of Caring” – Please bring your cans of soup for someone in need on Sunday, February 7.

Ash Wednesday is on February 10. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm with a service to follow at 7:00 pm.

February 14 is the first Sunday of **Lent**. The community Lenten Services this year will begin on Sunday, February 14 at 7:00 pm at Monticello UB Church in Spencerville and continue each Sunday evening through Good Friday, March 25 at different churches. All services will begin at 7:00 pm and will be followed by a time of food and fellowship. Everyone is invited. **Salem Church will host the Lenten Service on February 28, 7:00 pm** with speaker Tom Shobe. Pastor Tom Emery will be speaking on the **March 13 Lenten Service at Trinity UMC in Spencerville.**

The **Lincolnview Bible Board** will present to us on Sunday morning, February 21.



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)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
Bill (Nancy) Evans (surgery, water on brain)
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)
Evelyn Pugh
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
John Stutz
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)
Kevin Thatcher (ALS)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Elaine Siler (cancer has returned – cousin of Ann Rees)
Bob Allenbaugh (heart and lung issues – husband of LaDonna)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Condolences:

Nicholas Poling Family (grandson of Charles Good)

Birthdays This Week:

31	Carrie Jones	1	John Lloyd
1	Ashley McClure	3	Jeannine Leckrone
4	Andrew Emery	4	Colt Thompson

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 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
“The Way of Love” 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
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If you are not committed to living a lifestyle of love, you've missed the whole meaning of the Gospel. Let that sink in. You can do all that God commands, but if you are not committed to living a lifestyle showing love, you've missed the whole point of Christianity. Paul puts it this way in 1 Corinthians 13:13, “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” Your lifestyle is as important as what you believe. Remember that neither our faith nor our works alone qualify us for heaven. God's love saved us, and God wants us to love others.

TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – Sharing Christ's love is the central task of the Christian. People will know that we are followers of Jesus by the display of our love. We should be showing Christ's love in all our actions throughout the day.

POINT TWO – This love is an active love that seeks out people who need loving.

POINT THREE – You can do marvelous acts of devotion to Christ, but none of them matter if you let your life be taken over with resentment and hate.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance (***Luke 4:18-19 NLT***).

ACTION POINT

Faithful Christians are committed to living a lifestyle of love. Paul warns us that we can get off track thinking we are honoring God, but you've missed the whole meaning of the Gospel if you are not loving. The greatest model of self-giving love is Jesus, Himself, going to the cross to pay for our sins. John 3:16 tells us, “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” God loved us and sacrificed his Son for the penalty for our sins, not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world (1 John 4:10). “We love each other because he loved us first” (1 John 4:19). How do people know that we are Christians? It is shown by our love.