

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, February 28, 2016
3rd Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Price Children

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-8

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*Hymn

Ebenezer

Welsh Hymnal, 11

Prayer of Confession: **Father in Heaven, we are faced with temptations or trials, that seem too great for us. We pray that You keep all Your people strong in the face of temptation, teach us all to rely on You at dark times of attack, and let Your Word be our only strength. We pray for young Christians and those whose faith is fragile, that they may be strengthened against the temptation of unbelief. Help us to support each other at moments of weakness, and give us the strength to stand strong for others. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer. 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

Scripture Readings

Luke 13:1-9

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1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1044

Special Music

Jake Wilder

A Time with the Children

*Hymn

The Solid Rock

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Sermon

“Temptations”

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

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Trust and Obey

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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.



Today:

02-28-16

9:30 AM

Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)

10:45 AM

Sunday School

1:30 PM

Youth Group Ice Skating

7:00 PM

Community Lenten Service at Salem Church

Sunday:

03-06-16

9:30 AM

Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)

10:45 AM

Sunday School

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$16,536.00
Rec'd 02-21-16:	\$1,333.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$10,209.11

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Announcements:

Adult Sunday School is going verse by verse through the book of Romans and examining how God intends our lives to be and how God will judge each person on the final day.

The **Youth Group** will go **ice skating** TODAY! Meet at the Manse at 1:30 pm and we will return by 4:00 pm.

The new Christian movies for Easter are coming out. Pastor Tom recommends that we see **“Risen,”** playing at the Van Wert Cinema. In the year 33 AD, a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the body of an executed Jew that is rumored to have risen from the dead.

St. David’s Day is next Sunday, March 6. *Gomer Congregational Church* will be hosting a dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 pm on Saturday, March 5 with a musical program beginning at 7:00 pm free of charge. Dinner is \$8.50 or tickets in advance for \$8/adult, \$4/child.



Salem Church will be hosting the Community Lenten Service TONIGHT at 7:00 pm with guest speaker Pastor Tom Shobe. The remaining schedule is listed below; all services begin at 7:00 pm followed by a time of food and fellowship.

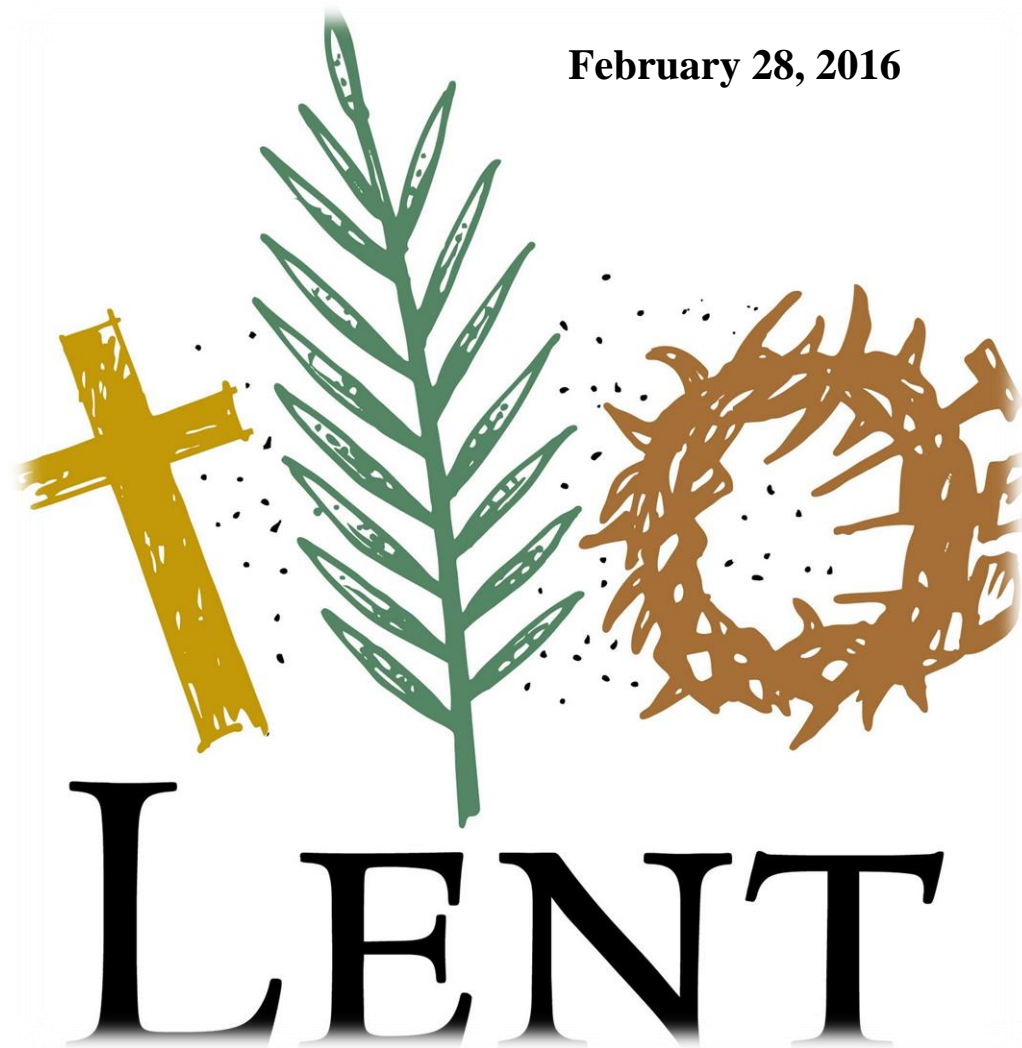
March 6 – First Baptist Church in Spencerville – Speaker: Pastor Justin Furman

March 13 – Trinity UM Church in Spencerville – Speaker: Pastor Tom Emery

March 20 – Kossuth UM Church – Speaker: Pastor Jim Fletcher



March 25 (Good Friday) Nazarene Church in Spencerville – Speaker: Pastor Charles Johnson



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

Established 1848, Built 1898

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Condolences:

Evelyn Pugh Family

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
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Birthdays This Week:

28 Jean Owens
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT 1 – *All humans will be tempted to sin.* Even Jesus was tempted in the wilderness.

POINT 2 – *Life is a test, and Sin in our life does matter.*

POINT 3 – *The best way to handle temptation is to stay attached to God and connected to other believers.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.” (1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT)

ACTION POINT

Much is at stake, perhaps even your very soul when you are tempted. John Maxwell in “Partners in Prayer” put it clearly, “Sin pushes the person out of the community of believers, and being away from other Christians prevents us from receiving the benefit of accountability. It’s a vicious cycle. As the saying goes, prayer prevents us from sin, and sin prevents us from prayer.” If you have sin in your life, receive God’s forgiveness by confessing it now. God will help you overcome temptation.

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