

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 6, 2016
4th Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles MaKenna Kimmet
 Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn **Land of My Fathers** *Welsh Hymnal*, X

*Hymn **Dring I Fyny** *Welsh Hymnal*, 107

Call to Worship **Psalm 32** 496

Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we hear that Paul as an Ambassador of Christ, could invite people not only to do as he said, but to do as he did. Forgive us, O God, when we strive to imitate the lifestyles of the rich and famous, and ignore the plight of those who are poor and the powerless. Forgive us, when we look to others than Jesus Christ as the source of our standards. Lord, Jesus weeps over our behavior, even as He wept over Jerusalem. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, and to deepen our commitment to follow Jesus, even when that means being ridiculed or persecuted, or sharing in the struggles and sufferings of others. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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 **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** 952
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 1053

*Hymn **I Love to Tell the Story** 431

Sermon **"Rags for Righteousness"** 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 **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.



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 10:45 AM Sunday School

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 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting
 7:00 PM Lenten Service at Spencerville Trinity UMC (Pastor Tom)

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$18,603.00
Rec'd 02-28-16:	\$5,266.85	Rec'd to Date:	\$15,475.96

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.

Please join in singing with the **choir** on Easter Sunday! Directed by Jan Jones, practices will be held on Sundays, March 13 and March 20 at 8:45 am.

Easter Schedule at a Glance:



Palm Sunday – March 20: service at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday – March 24: dinner at 6:00 pm and service at 7:00 pm.

Easter – March 27: Sunrise Service by the youth at 7:30 am, breakfast at 8:30 am, Easter Service at 9:30 am.

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.

Community Lenten Services:



March 6 – First Baptist Church in Spencerville

March 13 – Trinity UMC in Spencerville (Speaker, Pastor Tom)

March 20 – Kossuth UM Church

LENT March 25 – Nazarene Church in Spencerville (Good Friday)

Each service begins at 7:00 pm and will be followed by food and fellowship.

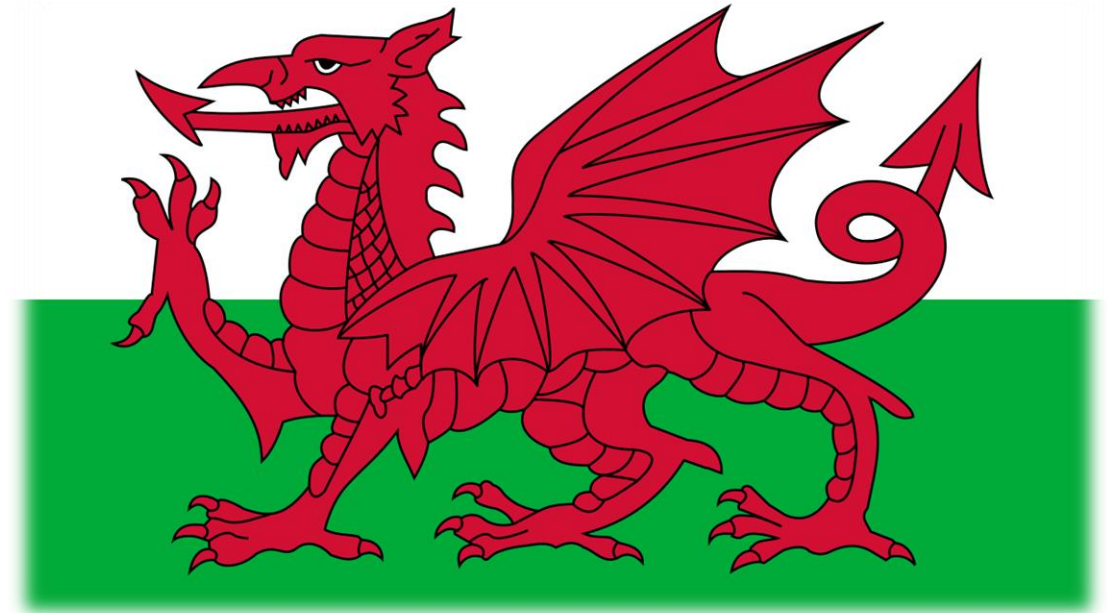
Please consider to sign up for **flowers** on the bulletin board chart.

The Venedocia Lions Club will be hosting their annual **Pancake & Sausage Day** on Saturday, March 19, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Senior Luncheons are back! The first luncheon of the year will be on Wednesday, March 23 at 12:00pm in the Lion’s Club building.

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St. David's Day



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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