

# Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 17, 2016

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Zeilke Children

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

**Psalm 23**

491

\*Hymn

**Love Lifted Me**

441

Prayer of Confession: **Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah — we know You by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives — all that we are and all that we have comes from You; all that You do declares Your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where You are; we even wonder *who* You are. How quickly we forget that You are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread Your table before us, and feed us from Your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in Your name that 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

Kaitlyn Wendell

Scripture Readings

**John 10:22-30  
Revelation 7:9-17**

978  
1120

Time with the Children

\*Hymn

**Sandon**

*Welsh Hymnal, 27*

Sermon

**“Trials of Faith”**

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

**Lily of the Valley**

447

\*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.



*The flowers in the alter vases are given to the glory of God in honor of  
John & Mary Ellen's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00

Needed to Date: \$31,005.00

Rec'd 04-10-16: \$2,748.65

Rec'd to Date: \$26,960.13

**Today:** **04-17-16**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Session Meeting

**Sunday:** **04-24-16**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Session Meeting



**Senior Luncheon** for the month of April is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 12:00 pm at the Lion's Club. Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, and a dessert is on the menu.

Liberty Baptist Church invites you to join them in a **Walk Thru the Bible Old Testament LIVE Seminar** on TODAY from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. The cost is only \$17 which includes the workbook. Call to check for a seat, 419-203-4759, and learn more at [www.walkthru.org/live-events](http://www.walkthru.org/live-events).



**Session** will meet today at 11:30 am.



Are you looking for a **meaningful ministry** for yourself through Salem Church to help you express your care for others? Please see Pastor Tom for more information on attending a **workshop** being held on **April 30** in Toledo. Using the **Stephen Ministry** system, lay leaders in thousands of churches across the states are trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are dealing with grief, loneliness, cancer, hospitalization, financial stress, job loss, and personal crises. Please consider this opportunity to be better equipped to serve and guide those around you who need our love and support.

Pastor Tom highly recommends you see the movie, *God's Not Dead 2* while it is in local theaters. After answering a student's question about Jesus in her classroom, a Christian Teacher gets in legal trouble and is threatened to lose everything. Her faith gets shaken at times, but she still stands strong. *God's Not Dead 2* is the sequel to the widely popular book and movie *God's Not Dead* that came out in 2014.



**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)  
Bob Allenbaugh (lung cancer – husband of LaDonna)  
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer’s & foot surgery)  
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  
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)  
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)  
Phyllis Holmes (cancer – sister of Jack Blackmore)  
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)  
Betty Lloyd  
Elizabeth Markus (depression and salvation)  
Rev. John Medaugh  
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)  
Jean Owens (recovering from fall and hip plate operation)  
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)  
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)  
Elaine Siler (cancer has returned – cousin of Ann Rees)  
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)  
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)  
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)  
Kim Coil  
Gary Cooper (heart surgery)  
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)

**Serving our Country:**

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

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

20	Kevin Matthews	22	Elgarda McGee
23	Grant Zielke	24	Jeff Hoehn
24	Elaine Siler	25	Julia Morris

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**

21 John & Mary Ellen Lloyd – 60 Years!

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### **TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT 1 – *Know that we will have trials of faith as Christians.***

**POINT 2 – *By faith, we put everything on the line for the future promises of Christ.***

**POINT 3 – *Christ is the Good Shepherd, who never leaves His Sheep.***

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

*“For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”*  
(Revelation 7:17 NLT)

### **ACTION POINT**

A pastor went to the bedside of one of his parishioners who was desperately ill. "Pastor," said the man, "I know I'm going to die, but I'm not afraid. As I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, the One who has led me all through life will still be with me, and I shall dwell with Him eternally." As he spoke, his emotions were stirred, and he began to weep. The minister took his handkerchief and tenderly put it to the man's face. He responded gratefully, "Thank you, Pastor. The next time tears are wiped from my eyes, God himself will do it!" Remember that life is hard, God is good, and faith is the key.

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