

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 24, 2016

5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Zeilke Children

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

571

*Hymn

Deemster

Welsh Hymnal, 29

Prayer of Confession: **Architect and builder of the heavenly city yet to come, look in judgment on the cities of the world, where greed forces many to live in squalor and filth; where indifference condemns many to live alone and unwanted; where lust tempts many to use others heartlessly; where hate drives many to crowd together for protection, because their nationality, their skin, their race, or their belief is unpopular or unwanted. Look in mercy on those who suffer at the hands of their fellows, and teach us that as Christ-followers, we can find the power to live generously, compassionately, and lovingly; that our cities of the world may become true reflections of the city of God. 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

Madison & Isaiah Pugh

Scripture Readings

John 13:31-35

982

Revelation 21:1-8, 10, 15-16, 22-23

1132

Time with the Children

*Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic

530

Sermon

"How It All Ends"

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

This Is My Father's House

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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.



The flowers in the alter vases are given to the glory of God by the Pugh Family.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00

Needed to Date: \$33,072.00

Rec'd 04-17-16: \$1,793.85

Rec'd to Date: \$28,753.98

Sunday: **04-24-16**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
12:15 PM Youth Movie

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10:45 AM Sunday School



"Thank you to everyone for the prayers, beautiful cards, delicious food and calls after my recent fall and surgery. It is so comforting to know that people care."

~Jean Owens

The **Youth** will meet at the Manse at 12:15 pm **today** to go see the movie, **God's Not Dead 2** together.



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.



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.

The **Carman 100% Saved Tour** will be at Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 pm. General admission is \$10 and 18 and under are free, first come first serve and go to iTickets.com to purchase.



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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 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)
 Doris Evans (cancer)
 Jeremy Hughes (recovering from Mersa)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
 Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
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Upcoming Birthdays:

24	Jeff Hoehn	24	Elaine Siler
25	Julia Morris	26	Gwenda Blackmore
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In a different context, John spoke similar words of hope to a people living under the persecution of a brutal Roman Caesar. The Caesar said that he is not only emperor of the world but also a god. And not just *a* god, but the Lord God, demanding in worship that all bow before him or suffer the pain of death. The Christians living in those early days of the church raised a different cry, "Jesus is Lord." If Jesus is Lord, then Domitian is not, and so the persecution began.

TEACHING POINTS

POINT 3 – *Heaven is our destiny.* Have you truly made Jesus your Lord?

POINT 2 – *Heaven is perfect.* The day is coming when Christ will make visible to all the victory he achieved on the cross and at the empty tomb.

POINT 3 – *We will be in God’s presence.* He will be our Father, we will be His children.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.” (Revelation 21:3 NLT)

ACTION POINT

The gift of the Holy Spirit sustains us in the faith, a faith which tells us that the promises of God are true. It is a faith which believes even in the midst of doubt and despair; it is a faith which cannot be defeated even in the face of trial, tribulation, sword, or peril. We cling to in faith, that our Lord of lords is seated on the heavenly throne. He is the one who has promised to set the banquet feast for the hungry and give flowing water for the thirsty. This God has promised to come to us in a new heaven and new earth, to live with us, and wipe every tear from our eyes. If we hold onto that vision, we can face anything that this world throws at us.

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