

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 40:1-11** 502

*Hymn **Milwaukee** *Welsh Hymnal, 6*

Prayer of Confession: **Faithful God, You call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; You call us to be Your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do Your work. You put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; You show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put Your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in You. Guide us into the light of Your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

(Take a moment of silent 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 Madison Pugh

Scripture Readings **Isaiah 49:1-7** 665
I Corinthians 1:1-9 1038

Time for Children

❖❖❖❖ **Installation of Officers** ❖❖❖❖

*Hymn **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** 118

Sermon **"Meaningful Purpose"** Rev. Thomas Emery

Offertory – *ushers will receive our tithes and 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.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$4,134.00
Rec'd 01-08-17:	\$3,006.23	Rec'd to Date:	\$3,708.48

Sunday:

9:30 AM
6:00 PM

01-15-17

Worship Service (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
Trustee Meeting
Music Committee Meeting

Sunday:

9:30 AM

01-22-17

Worship Service (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)

Announcements:

A new one-hour Adult Sunday School class as begun based on the book, **Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money**, meet in the back room at 10:45 am.

The new **flower chart** for 2017 is up on the bulletin board. This year, flowers will be used for *three weeks*. Please consider signing up and remember to contact the secretary if you have a special request of who you might be giving them in honor of. Thank you!

Please pick up a box of **Offering Envelopes** in the side room for 2017.

Annual Reports are due TODAY. These reports will be made available to the congregation next week, January 22 and the approval vote will be taken on Sunday, February 5.

Teen for Christ continues to meet each Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. Youth are invited to take part in the Christ-centered Bible study, skits, games, food and fun. Please contact Pastor for a ride.

Tamara's **last day as Secretary** will be January 22. Please contact Pastor, Carol, or Christina Emery in the meantime as they will be handling things until a new secretary is hired. Thank you!

The annual **Potato Supper** will be on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 pm and the **prayer meeting** will follow at 7:00 pm. The Confirmation Class will serve the meal.

Mini-March for Life will be held on Friday, January 27. Walkers, meet at 11:00 am at Fountain Park (VW). A lunch will be served at the K of C at 11:30 am (donations to PLC) and the prayer service will follow at 12:00 pm. Call 419-238-9177 for more info. **Please pray to end abortion.**

PCUSA Yearly per capita is due. This year, it is \$30 per person. Please mark your name on the envelope or check and who it is for. Thank you.



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Venedocia, Ohio | January 15, 2017

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Bob Allenbaugh (lung cancer – husband of LaDonna)
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
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Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
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Elizabeth Markus (depression and salvation)
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Chris Reichert (health issues)
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Kyle Mullenhour (Kory's brother – successful kidney transplant!)

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Isaiah knew what he was doing would be significant to God.*

POINT TWO – *Isaiah knew that his life had a purpose for God.*

POINT THREE – *Isaiah knew that he could trust tomorrow in the hands of God.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

I replied, “But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose. Yet I leave it all in the LORD's hand; I will trust God for my reward” (Isaiah 49:4 NLT).

ACTION POINT

In and of our own frequent failures and depleted energy, God gives us visions of renewal. Among us, God is naming, claiming, and commissioning us. Just as the Lord refreshed the memory of God's servants with reminders of God's forever love, God reminds us, as well. Not only did Isaiah in our text receive the necessary strength to complete his first mission, God expanded it. He now knew that God is the driver in the front seat, leading us to remember that, in Christ, God has named, claimed, and chosen us forever. Yet, surely, in Christ, God has commissioned us for a meaningful mission. It may be running a Sunday school class, raising a Godly family, or being an example of Christ to others. Let us keep on without growing weary because what we do has significance and meaning to the God who created us!

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