

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 112:1-10** 551

*Hymn **Ebenezer** 11

Prayer of Confession: **O Lord, Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice. When we forget the fast You desire, to do justice, and stand up for the powerless, Lord, have mercy. When we forget the prayer You love, to show compassion, and care for those in need, Christ, have mercy. When we forget the rituals You require, to create relationships of righteousness and peace, Lord have mercy. 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 Christina Emery

Scripture Readings Isaiah 58:1-12 675
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 1039

Time for Children

*Hymn **Love Divine** 2

Sermon **"How to Behave"** Rev. Thomas Emery

Offertory – *ushers will receive our tithes and offerings*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **He Lives** 132

*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:	\$1,934.00	Needed to Date:	\$9,670.00
Rec'd 01-29-17:	\$1,923.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$8,481.80

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

02-5-17

Worship Service (*nursery Ross and Alyssa Evans*)
Sunday School

Tuesday:

7:00 PM

02-7-17

Teens for Christ

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

02-12-17

Worship Service (*nursery Adkins Family*)
Sunday School

Announcements:

A one-hour Adult Sunday School class based on the book, **Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money**, meets 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 or ask Lisa for one.

The **Annual Reports** approval vote will be taken today.

There is an encore performance by the **Spencerville Jazz Band today** at 1:00 at the VFW to **benefit the Martin Family** who lost everything in a house fire. Suggested donation is \$10.

Teens for Christ Area churches are having Teens for Christ meet each Tuesday night at 7 PM at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. It offers Christ-centered Bible study, skits, games, food and fun. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Tom.

Please contact Pastor or Carol for your secretarial needs until a new **secretary** is hired. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for a new secretary!

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.

V-FIT is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on **Thursdays** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm beginning this Thursday February 9th. Bring your water bottle and workout shoes and get ready for some energetic fun! \$1 donation appreciated.

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Venedocia, Ohio | February 5, 2017

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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adam (diabetic issues)
Toby Adkins (back surgery on Feb 2)
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Marjorie Eutsler (Kidney Stones - surgery)
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Betty Lloyd
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
Chris Reichert (health issues)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Martha Walker (recovering from heart attack)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)
Ian (brain cancer)
Daniel Cruse (lymphoma cancer)
Simon Ibell (deadly birth condition)
Karen Payne (cancer)
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Kyle Mullenhour (successful kidney transplant – brother of Kory)
Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)
Nancy Lautzenhtiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Martin Family (house fire - family in Spencerville)
Mother of Shana Fryer

Serving our Country:

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)
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TEACHING POINTS

Point 1 - Looking good in the eyes of others vs God's approval.

Point 2 - Show that you believe by your actions.

Point 3 - We are loved by God and need to show that love to others.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

³ ‘We have fasted before you!’ they say. ‘Why aren’t you impressed? We have been very hard on ourselves, and you don’t even notice it!’ ‘I will tell you why!’ I respond. ‘It’s because you are fasting to please yourselves. Even while you fast, you keep oppressing your workers (Isaiah 58:3 NLT).

ACTION POINT

In Christ, God has gathered us hypocrites into his arms; God gives us the ability to change our hearts and to show His gifts to others. Closing the gap between belief and behavior is not something we will ever do in our human strength and wisdom, but in the power of God's Spirit all things are possible. The answer to wrongs in our world has come in Jesus Christ, who in reconciling us to God brings us to a place where we can be reconciled to one another. Only then shall "*light break forth like the dawn, and righteousness shall go before you.*" Why not try to truly follow God’s commands to love one another? If you cannot, ask God to give you the strength to walk in His ways.

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