

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 99 540

*Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy 70

Prayer of Confession: **With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know— we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. 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

Hymn Immortal, Invisible 34

Scripture Readings Exodus 24:12-28 69
Matthew 17:1-9 894

Time for Children

*Hymn Groeswen 42

Sermon "A Mountain Top Experience" 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 our tithes and offerings*

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Sanctus 30

*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 Needed Weekly: \$1,934.00 Needed to Date: \$15,472.00
Update: Rec'd 2-19-17: \$2,095.80 Rec'd to Date: \$15,926.90

Sunday: 2-26-17
9:30 AM Worship Service (*nursery Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 2-28-17
7:00 PM Teens for Christ

Wednesday: 3-1-17
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday: 3-2-17
6:30PM V-Fit Exercise Group

Sunday: 3-5-17
9:30 AM Worship Service (*nursery Bob & Denise Pugh*)
10:30 AM St. David's Day Reception (no Sunday School)

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School, ***Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money.***

Teens for Christ meets each Tuesday at 7pm at Spencerville Nazarene Church. Call Pastor Tom if you need a ride.

Interviews are in process 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. Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Services are beginning tonight at Salem at 7:00 pm. Churches from the surrounding area will also share their pulpits every Sunday evening throughout Lent. There will be refreshments afterwards. We will host tonight's service with Justin Fuhrmann from Trinity United Methodist Church in Spencerville.

Ash Wednesday Service is this Wednesday at 7:00pm.

St. David's Day is next Sunday. There will be some surprises.



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 Violet Ashton
 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)
 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)
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Serving our Country:

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Point Two – Sometimes we want the mountain top, but not the valleys of service.

Point Three – When we experience God's love, the natural response is obedience.

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And such experiences are not isolated. Throughout history, many of the greatest Christians have reported experiences that are outside the realm of reasonable, rational experience. God works differently for each of us according to our needs. Something very strange happened on the Mount of Transfiguration, something outside of ordinary experience. It had an incredible impact on Peter, James, and John. Remembering this experience years later gave them confidence and a unique authority to proclaim the newly born Christian faith. Likewise, today, we have the Word of God to back our beliefs to trust our supernatural God. Why not believe and act on your faith like the early Christians?

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