

Salem Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 51:1-17 509

Hymn: Llanfair (Welsh hymnal) 44

Prayer of Confession: **God of infinite patience and love, we come to you this day, having just gone through a season of selfishness. We embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great “want,” and we need to become a people of great “faith.” Stop us and remove us from the self-destructive journey on which we are living. Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness, and heal our sorrowful souls. In the Name of Jesus Christ, 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** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 2
Matthew 4:1-11 879

Special Music: Bells and Junior Choir

Time for Children

Hymn Sanctus (*Join in verse 2*) 30

Sermon: “Lies About God” 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: Lily of the Valley 113

*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: \$1934.00 Needed to Date: \$17,406.00
Rec'd 02-26-17: \$1490.25 Rec'd to Date: \$17,417.15

Sunday: 03-05-17
9:30 AM Worship Service (Nursery-Bob & Denise Pugh))
10:45 AM St David's Day Reception (No Sunday School)

Tuesday: 03-07-17 Teens for Christ 7:00 PM

Thursday: 03-09-17 V-Fit class 6:30-7:30 PM

Sunday: 03-12-17
9:30 AM Worship Service (nursery Jeff & Kelly Lloyd))
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

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!

V-FIT is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on **Thursdays** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Bring your water bottle and \$1 donation and prepare to have fun and get fit!

Lenten Services began February 26th at 7:00pm. Eight churches from the surrounding area will share their pulpits with each other every Sunday evening throughout Lent. We hosted the first service. Tonight's service will be at Trinity United Methodist Church-Darryl Potts speaking



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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adam (diabetic issues)
Violet Ashton
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Doris Evans (cancer)
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)
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Simon Ibell (deadly birth condition)
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Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)
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Serving our Country:

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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – The lie that God is not good.

Point Two – The lie that God is not serious about sin.

Point Three – The lie that God really doesn't know what is best for us.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

It is as the writer expresses it in Deuteronomy, "*I have set before you life and death, blessing and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live*" (Deuteronomy 30:19b). The choices that we are making virtually every minute are before us in so many ways. As we prepare for Lent, let us use this understanding, and let us choose the things that make for an abundant life. Let us want healing in our relationships. Let us choose to assume the good in others. Let us choose to stand for outcasts and the unlovable. Let us choose to be people who follow God's commands in all things. Let us do so, by not looking back to the garden that God planted for Adam and his lost innocence, but let us gaze forward toward walking with God in His Kingdom.

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