

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery                      Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers given to the glory of God                      Rex & Lisa Lloyd



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship                      **26 The Resurrection**                      *Hymnal* 475

Hymn:                      **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**                      *Hymnal* 137

Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we confess that like the disciples of old, we ran and hid, in our hearts, from the terror and sadness of the crucifixion. We didn't want to be there. We found ways of avoiding the scene and pretending that it was all a bad dream. But it wasn't a dream. Jesus our Lord was crucified. We were numbed by the news. But now, we have been given the most blessed gift of forgiveness for our sins; we have been given the gift of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. New Light has shined in our deep darkness. Restore us again to your presence. Soften our hard hearts. Brighten our spirits, for we ask this in the name of the Resurrected One, Jesus Christ. Amen.** (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal time 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                      **Matthew 28:1-10**                      909  
                                                                                                 **Acts 10:34-43**                      1002

Special Music                      Senior Choir

Time for Children

\*Hymn                      **He Lives**                      *Hymnal* 132

Sermon                      **"New Joy-Filled Hope"**                      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                      **Diadem**                      *Welsh Hymnal* 13

\*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:	\$29,010.00
Rec'd 04-09-17:	\$2,013.71	Rec'd to Date:	\$28,066.34



**Sunday:** 04-16-17  
 7:30 AM Sunrise Service & breakfast  
 9:30 AM Worship Service (nursery available, not staffed))

**Tuesday:** 04-18-17  
 7:00 PM Teens for Christ

**Thursday:** 04-20-17  
 6:30 PM V-Fit

**Sunday:** 04-23-17  
 9:30 AM Worship Service w/ guest speaker Kevin Clancy  
 (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)  
 No Sunday School

**Announcements:**

**Teens for Christ** continue to meet each Tuesday night at 7 PM at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Tom.

**V-FIT** is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on **Thursdays** from 6:30–7:30 pm.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

16 <sup>th</sup> -Bill Evans	16 <sup>th</sup> -Anne Morris	20 <sup>th</sup> -Kevin Matthews
22 <sup>nd</sup> -Elgarda McGee	23 <sup>rd</sup> -Grant Zielke	25 <sup>th</sup> -Julia (Morris)Molitor
26 <sup>th</sup> -Gwenda Blackmore	29 <sup>th</sup> -Jenny Pugh	30 <sup>th</sup> -Bob Bolton
30 <sup>th</sup> -Ruth Evans		

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

John & Mary Ellen Lloyd 4/21/56



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### **Prayer Concerns:**

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)  
Violet Ashton (broken leg)  
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Alice Gamble (car accident)  
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)  
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)  
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)  
Sami Jones (shoulder surgery)  
Betty Lloyd  
Byron Mohr (recovering from bowel hospitalization)  
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.)  
Warren Summersett (cancer)  
Martha Walker (recovering from heart attack)  
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)  
Simon Ibell (deadly birth condition)  
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)  
Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)  
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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

***Point One – The Empty Tomb Was a Surprise.***

***Point Two – God Is in Control.***

***Point Three – Easter Is a Way of Living Today.***

#### **THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

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#### **ACTION POINT**

The women made their way to the tomb that first Easter morning. They felt the earth shake. An angel descended. The guards had vanished. And the tomb was empty. At that moment, the women realized that God had the last word. Death has been defeated. In the darkest of hours, He still was in control. That’s a good thing for us to know in our dark hours. God is still in control, and we can trust Him in all circumstances in this life and in the next.

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