

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given in honor of all Mothers Marilyn Foust



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

The Missionary Mandate

Hymnal, 480

*Hymn:

Milwaukee

Welsh Hymnal, 6

Prayer of Confession: **Lord, we wanted to follow You wherever You might lead. But Lord, we haven't fully followed You. Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray. Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way. Be the One to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold. Lord, we want to follow You wherever You might lead. Forgive us, we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Jr. Choir (Recognizing Jr. Choir today)

Scripture Readings

John 10:1-10

977

Acts 2:42-47

993

1 Peter 2:19-25

1105

Time for Children

*Hymn:

This is My Father's World

39

Sermon:

"On Being a Christian Community" 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

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

All Hail the Power

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*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Three Fold Amen

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:

\$1,934.00

Needed to Date:

\$34,812.00

Rec'd 04-30-17:

\$1,835.00

Rec'd to Date:

\$37,083.41

Sunday: 05-07-17
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Thursday: 05-11-17
6:30 PM V-Fit

Sunday: 05-14-16
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The adult Sunday school will be finishing the "Death and Resurrection" series today. This will put in perspective on a personal level the meaning of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

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! We have been exercising inside, but on nice nights we will begin walking outside.

Please let us know if there are any high school or college **graduates** that need to be recognized.

Upcoming Birthdays

7 th -Josh Lloyd	8 th -Bob Pugh	9 th Linda Fisher Howell
10 th -Rex Lloyd	12 th -Sandy Clayborn	14 th - Bob Louth

Upcoming Anniversaries

Jerry & Marylin Foust 5/13/77



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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adam (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 (coma) Kindred Hospital, 730 W. Market, Lima, OH 45801
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Larry Howell
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Simon Ibell (deadly birth condition)
Sami Jones (shoulder surgery)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Betty Lloyd
John Lloyd (hospitalized respiratory infection)
Byron Mohr (recovering from bowel hospitalization)
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
Chris Reichert (health issues)
Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Keith Stoller (surgical complications)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Warren Summersett (cancer)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – The early church was committed to truth.

Point Two – It was connected in community.

Point Three – They knew how to share.

Point Four – They kept their eyes focused on Jesus.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles several years after the Christians had endured much of the persecution under Nero. He told the story of how they accepted their life in Christ and lived it out victoriously. He gives us some of the ways in which they could be supportive to each other in doing that. We live in a time when it's again hard to be Christian. There are not so many people who are actively and aggressively trying to destroy us as a way of getting rid of the Christian movement. There is, however, a kind of passive irrelevance which asks, "What difference does it make? Why put forth an effort?" Is it possible then, that Acts gives us an alive understanding of what it means to be the people of God. When living fully the commands of Christ, fear, depression, and isolation become unconditional love, joy in all circumstances, and inner fulfillment when you live as the Creator God intended us to live. We should claim it for ourselves and be willing to be that for others. Doesn't the early church have something to commend itself to us in this generation of Christianity?

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