

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Nov 12th, 2017, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given in memory of Dennis L. Zielke by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with Life and liberty to all who believe

Call to Worship Psalm 78:1-7 526

*Hymn: America the Beautiful 531

Prayer of Confession: **God of Mystery, we want to stay awake and to be ready for Your surprises, but we are tired and overcome with our usual routine. We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of Your kingdom, but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification. We want to believe Your promises from ancient days, but we are overwhelmed with postmodern doubts. Come to us again, O God. Awaken us with Your unexpected grace. Shock us with Your daring mercy. Lift us up from weariness and set our feet on Your path once more. We pray in the Name of the Lord 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

Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church
Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music

Marie Morris Winfield

Scripture Readings *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 213
Matthew 25:1-13 903
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 1077

Time for Children

Celebration of Our Veterans

*Hymn: My Country, 'Tis of Thee 529

Sermon: "Remember Our Commitment to 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: God of Our Fathers[women v. 2, men v. 3] 532

*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:	\$87,030.00
Rec'd 11-05-17:	\$1,703.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$87,964.96

Sunday: 11-12-17
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
Honoring all veterans during today's service
10:45 AM Sunday School
Noon Joint Session/Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 11-14-17
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 11-19-17
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
Guest Speaker: Kevin Clancy
Thank Offering today & distribute Budget information

Announcements:

Adult Sunday school will take place in the Prayer Room after the service. The class is looking at historical covenant agreements God has with us.

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with poinsettias, please give you money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd.

In the past, we have provided volunteers for the Salvation Army at the Van Wert Walmart. If you want to volunteer this year, call Lt. Josh Morales at (419)910-9332.

Women's Bible Study began and is running on Tuesdays at 10 am and at 7 pm. Our goal is to fellowship and have fun experiencing God together!

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

12th-Catie Emery 16th-Doug Jones

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th-Dave & Jean Owens 30th-Herman & Nell Jean Wienken



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Leona Browning (in Van Wert Hospice)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Larry Eutsler
Doris Evans (cancer)
Larry Howell
Linda Howell
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Kristin Jones (moving)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Sami Jones (health issues)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Betty Lloyd
Becky Martz (health problems)
Janet Mohr
Marian Morris
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Lewis Price (bladder cancer, stones, Paul Price's brother)
Joyce Profit
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Randy Richards (mowing accident)
Laura Saylor (Viral Meningitis, wife of Pastor Mike Saylor)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Bill Stewart (brother of Kim Coil)
Keith Stoller (surgical complications)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
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Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

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TEACHING POINTS

First. What do you want your legacy to be?

Second. We need to remind ourselves of our forgiveness in our Covenant with God.

Third. We need to seriously return to God.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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