Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 1st, 2018, Easter Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Gwenda Blackmore

Prelude

Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Lighting the Christ Candle

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 554

*Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today 137

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, You have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of Your love. You have mourned our failures and rejections of Your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People:" people of the Resurrection; people who know that, what was thought to be impossible, has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with Your healing love and help us to become the disciples that You need to serve in this world. 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 Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Adult Singing Group

 Scripture Readings
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 639

 Mark 16:1-8
 929

 Acts 10:34-43
 1002

Time for Children

*Hymn He Lives! 132

Sermon: "Easter People" 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

*<u>Response</u> **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*<u>Hymn:</u> Cwn Rhondda 40

*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.

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Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$1,927.00 Needed to Date: \$23,124.00 Rec'd 03-25-18: \$2,251.00 Rec'd to Date: \$20,445.85

Sunday: <u>04-01-18</u> 8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Flowering the Cross –One Great Hour of Sharing offering

9:30 AM Worship Easter Sunday (nursery available, but not staffed)

Tuesday: <u>04-03-18</u>

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM Teens for Christ

Sunday: <u>04-01-18</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Ross & Alyssa Evans)

10:45 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Teens for Christ** of youth from area churches meets on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Spencerville Nazarene Church. If you need a ride, call Pastor Tom to carpool.

The Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Tuesdays at 10 am and 7 pm.

We are bringing youth to the Lima-area **Converge Conference** at the Elida Fieldhouse Friday April 6, 5 pm to Saturday April 7th, 10 pm. If your grade 7-12 youth would like to attend, contact Pastor Tom or Carol to sign up. We also need adult chaperons.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

2nd- Lyndi (Breese) Forsythe 6th-Carol Emery 8th-Andy Breese



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TEACHING POINTS

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Fourth. We have a true story to tell.

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