

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 6, 2018, 6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 98 540
*Hymn: He Lives 132

Prayer of Confession: **Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses of love. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in Christ's love. So, we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires, than it is to witness to Christ's transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. 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

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**
Special Music Breath on Me, Breath of God 164

Scripture Readings John 15:9-17 983
*Acts 10:44-48 1003
1 John 5:1-6 1112

Time for Children

Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See 163

Sermon: "God Loves Everyone" 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: Cwm Rhonda *Welsh Hymnal, 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.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$1,927.00 Needed to Date: \$32,759.00
Rec'd 04-29-18: \$1,894.30 Rec'd to Date: \$30,047.95

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
5:00 PM

05-06-18

Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)
Sunday School
Trustee Meeting

Tuesday:

7:00 PM
7:00 PM

05-08-18

Women's Bible Study
Teens for Christ

Saturday:

10:00 AM

05-12-18

Clean Up Memorial Park

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

05-13-18

Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)
Mother's Day and Jr. Choir Recognition Day
Sunday School

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.

This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm, no 10 am meeting.

The **Countywide Prayer** is today, Sunday, May 6, at 7 pm at the Countryside Church of the Nazarene, 15465 SR 49, Willshire. Join Christians in praying for the needs of the county.

Remember to vote on Tuesday.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

6 th -Emma Jones	7 th -Josh Lloyd	8 th -Bob Pugh
9 th -Linda Fisher Howell	10 th -Rex Lloyd	12 th -Sandy Clayborn

Upcoming Anniversaries

13 th -Jerry & Marylin Foust	19 th -Bart & Rosemary Strick
20 th -Mark & Missy Zielke	



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Mark Davis
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
David Hugh Evans (Pneumonia and Septic infection)
Doris Evans (cancer)
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Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
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Bill Harmon (cancer)
Larry Howell
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Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Carol Lee
Jim Lloyd (healing from leg surgery)
Bob Louth
Becky Martz (health problems)
Marian Morris
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Brent Price (recovering from heart surgery)
Joyce Profit
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Bobbie Spyres
Suzie Thompson
Natalie Wilkins (92 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

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TEACHING POINTS

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Second. There is no partiality with God.

Third. The church has a compelling story to tell the world.

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ACTION POINT

The salvation to the Gentiles originated with the Gospel that “God sent to the people of Israel” (10:36). Peter emphasizes that “all the prophets testify about Jesus” (10:43). Thus, the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is now reaching to the Gentiles is not an accident in history. The fact that this Gospel to the Gentiles is preached by the leader in the Jerusalem church also points to the continuity between the Jewish and Gentile churches. God wants everyone to have the abundant life in Christ. God is at work in the world orchestrating events; why not open yourself to be used by God in building His Kingdom? Why not tell others about this free-gift of eternal life if you have put your faith in the Lordship of Christ?

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