

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 17, 2018, 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Joyce Morris
 The flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Evans family



Prelude
 Lighting the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 138 565

*Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 38

Prayer of Confession: **Holy God, You call us to live to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in You and to live according to Your direction. Yet, we want life to make sense from a human point of view. You call us to feel the mystery of life, and to marvel at the power of Your love. Yet, it's not easy to accept Your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, Holy Maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity. 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**

Scripture Readings *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 257
Mark 4:26-34 914
2 Corinthians 5:6-17 1053

Time for Children

Hymn: Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty 13

Sermon: "God Looks at the Heart" 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: Immortal, Invisible 34

*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:	\$44,321.00
Rec'd 06-10-18:	\$617.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$39,752.55

Sunday: 06-17-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Recognize Fathers
Adult Sunday School

Tuesday: 06-19-18
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Saturday: 06-23-18
4:30 PM Summerfest parade in Spencerville

Sunday: 06-24-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School
12:00 PM Session Meeting

Announcements:

This week, the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

Thanks to all of you that volunteered, supplied food, decorated, and helped in any way to make our Ice Cream social a success! Your help is appreciated.

If you would like to visit **David Hugh Evans** or send him a card, his new address is:
The Meadows, 800 Ambrose Dr. Room #306, Delphos, OH 45833

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

Upcoming Birthdays

18th-Charlie Good 25th-Tamara Mullenhour

Upcoming Anniversaries

17th-Bill & Elgarda McGee 22nd-Todd & Jayne Morris
24th-Owen & Karen Pugh 25th-Rex & Lisa Lloyd



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David Hugh Evans
Doris Evans (cancer)
Jim Francis
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Lori Hunter (amputation)
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Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Carol Lee
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friends of Evelyn Martz)
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
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TEACHING POINTS

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Second. *If you are disobedient to God, God may take away your special blessings He has granted to you.*

Third. *A meaningful relationship with God is possible only if we love others in tangible, practical ways.*

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