

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 19, 2018, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn: Mae D'eisiau Di Bob Awr Welsh Hymnal, 62

Call to Worship Psalm 111 551

Prayer of Confession: We profess that you are God, O Holy One. We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve You with sincerity and faithfulness. Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors—the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites. We struggle with "other gods" here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance as distractions from You. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in You. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to You. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. *(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 *2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a 281
John 6:24-35 972
Ephesians 4:1-16 1066

Time for Children

*Hymn: Calon Lan Welsh Hymnal, 66

Sermon "Obey God for Our Own Good" 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: Lilly of the Valley Welsh Hymnal, 113

*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: \$57,810.00
Rec'd 07-29-18: \$1,042.30 Rec'd to Date: \$53,905.29

Sunday: 08-19-18
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with ?)
10:45 AM Session

Wednesday: 08-26-18
6:30 PM Worship (nursery with ?)

Sunday: 09-2-18
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with ?)

Announcements:

Upcoming event is the **Gymanfa Ganu** on Sunday, September 2nd. Mark your calendars! A light meal is served at 5 pm; music begins at 7 pm.

September 9, 7 PM **Countywide Prayer Meeting** at Salem with reception following.

September 19, **Drive Your Tractor to Church, Blessings of the Tractors** with potluck meal following.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

Upcoming Anniversaries



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Venedocia, Ohio | August 5th, 2018

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Prayer Concerns:

Peggy Burnett
Mark Davis
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
David Hugh Evans
Doris Evans (cancer)
Brenda Foust (serious stomach problems)
Jim Francis
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Lori Hunter (amputation)
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)
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friends of Evelyn Martz)
Iris Linton (newborn hospitalized with blocked bowel)
Linda Lissey (cancer)
Jim Lloyd (healing from leg surgery)
Mary Ellen Lloyd
Bob Louth
Becky Martz (health problems)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Marian Morris
Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Brent Price (recovering from heart attack)
Joyce Profit
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Bobbie Spyres
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (Shoulder surgery)

***Condolences** for the families of Ronnie Neate and Janet Smith

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Nathan confronted David’s sin by the telling a story that David could relate. It was a simple story, as far as it goes, of two men one rich and one poor, and their flocks. The rich man had many flocks and herds, but the poor man had but one ewe. The little ewe had grown up with his children, eating at his table, as the family pet. Hungry guests come to see the rich man and, though he had large number of sheep to choose from, he instead goes and takes the poor man’s pet lamb. Upon hearing this, King David, the son of a shepherd, and once a shepherd boy himself—thought even now to be God’s shepherd for the people—rages against this rich man and declares with the full weight of the throne: “*This man deserves death for what he’s done!*” At which Nathan says to him: “*You are the man.*”

TEACHING POINTS

FIRST POINT – Power often has contempt for truth, because truth is the great challenge to power.

SECOND POINT – Celebration and confession can only honestly happen in “Christian community.”

THIRD POINT – God gives second chances. When we are made whole with God, we meet life with a clean heart and right spirit knowing that we handle any obstacles in life with our loving God.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man” (2 Samuel 12:7a NLT)!

ACTION POINT

We live in a culture of self-protection, which is the opposite of confession. Psalms 51 and 32 are indications of how well David learned the lessons about the horrific nature of sin, responsibility, and the need for and the possibility of repentance and forgiveness. Wholeness is found in letting go of falsehoods to be made whole again. It allows us to reconcile and to atone, that we become “at one” again, with ourselves, with God, and with our neighbor. For David, the consequences would come as they must with death of the baby, family intrigue, murders, a palace coup d’eta by his son, and setting a poor model for the future generations. But he would meet them with a clean heart, with a new and loyal spirit for God, knowing the God who had brought him this far would continue to be there with him through it all. And thank God, the same is true for us.