

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, January 6, 2019, Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 522

\*Hymn: Ebenezer *Welsh Hymnal*, 11

Prayer of Confession: The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom (peace). Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness. **God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of Your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in Your Holy Way of Peace. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.** (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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 \*Isaiah 60:1-6 676  
Matthew 2:1-12 877  
Ephesians 3:1-12 1065

Time for Children

\*Hymn: His Eye Is on the Sparrow Handout

Sermon "God Revealed To All" 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: All Hail the Power 42

\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*\*Those who can are invited to stand.*



**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly: \$1,927.00 Needed to Date: \$100,204.00  
Rec'd 12-30-18: \$1,927.50 Rec'd to Date: \$103,399.05

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
Noon

**01-06-2019**

Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)  
Sunday School  
Session Training

**Tuesday:**

7:00 PM

**01-08-2019**

Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:**

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

**01-13-2019**

Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)  
Sunday School  
Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, January 8, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The 2019 **Flower chart** is in the vestibule. Please sign up.

**Annual church reports** are due to the auditors on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

The **Music Committee** will hold a meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Please feel free to make suggestions to the committee for upcoming Special Music.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the February newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc) or [PastorTomEmery@live.com](mailto:PastorTomEmery@live.com).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

6 <sup>th</sup> -Jim Lloyd	7 <sup>th</sup> Nell Jean Wienken	7 <sup>th</sup> -Loretta Williams
8 <sup>th</sup> -Dean Swygart	9 <sup>th</sup> -Megan (Smith) Romano	10 <sup>th</sup> -Dominic Adkins
11 <sup>th</sup> -Chelsey Lloyd	11 <sup>th</sup> -Ashlyn Price	12 <sup>th</sup> -Christina Emery
12 <sup>th</sup> -George Siler		



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Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Peggy Burnett  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Mark Davis  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)  
Judy Foust  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
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)  
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friend of Evelyn Martz)  
Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Bob Louth  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Gwen Montez (Vertebrae & internal surgery)  
Marian Morris  
Chance Mosier (shoulder surgery)  
Kim Owens  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)  
Joyce Profit  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Shelly (vertigo)  
Bobbie Spyres  
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### **TEACHING POINTS**

*POINT ONE – God has revealed Himself to all people everywhere.*

*POINT TWO – Sometimes God does choose individual persons or nations for tasks.*

*POINT THREE – Each time we bring light into someone else’s life, we speed the day when the entire world will walk in the glorious light of God’s presence.*

### **THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE**

<sup>2</sup>Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the LORD rises and appears over you. <sup>3</sup>All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance (Isaiah 60:2-3 NLT).

### **ACTION POINT**

All people are God’s children. God is no respecter of persons. God, however, does select individual persons and groups of persons for tasks. That does not mean that God loves us more than He loves anyone else. It merely says that we are fortunate enough to be participants in His adventure in this world. Our calling is to show the world the love of Jesus Christ in such a way that persons are drawn to Him and find the light for their lives. Isn’t this what God has called us to do for this fallen world? By His grace, we are to show the world the unfailing love of God at work in our lives so that the world may honestly see where it came from and why it exists. Why not fully follow Christ and tell others about His immense indescribable love?

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