

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 24, 2019, 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 37:1-11.39-40 500

*Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past 10

Prayer of Confession: **Loving God, like Joseph, we don't always understand why things happen the way they do; why our plans and dreams fail, and we find ourselves facing challenge after challenge, and disappointment after disappointment.** Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that You are at work in our lives, and that You have a larger plan and purpose for each one of us. **Give us faith to trust in You no matter what challenges we face.** Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in Your hands, and then follow where You lead without hesitation, confident that Your loving presence goes with us. **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**

Special Music Bells-Jr Choir

Scripture Readings *Genesis 45:3-11, 15 41
Luke 6:27-38 939
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 1049

Time for Children

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

Sermon "Providence and Forgiveness" 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: God Will Take Care of You 297

*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: \$1,945.26 Needed to Date: \$13,616.82
Rec'd 02-17-19: \$768.30 Rec'd to Date: \$14,441.15

Sunday: 02-24-2019
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)
10:45 AM Sunday School
Noon Session Meeting

Tuesday: 02-26-2019
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 03-03-2019 **St. David's Day & Communion**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)
Sunday School

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, February 26, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

Next Sunday is **St. David's Day, and Communion** will be served.

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. A meal by the Pugh family will be served at 6 PM and Service at 7 PM.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the March newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc or PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

25th-Bill McGee
28th-Jean Owens

27th-Kevin Fair
Mar 2nd-Marilyn Strickler



JOSEPH and His BROTHERS

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Kylee Ball (surgery)
Peggy Burnett
Jackie Coalson (COPD)
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
Mark Davis
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Judy Foust
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Kale (nightmares)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
Barbara Lewis (heart attack)
Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth

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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)
Marian Morris
Chance Mosier (shoulder surgery)
Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Joyce Profit
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Shelly (vertigo)
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Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's dad)
Herb Summersett (prostrate cancer)
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POINT THREE – *Like Joseph, we can have confidence in the goodness of God.*

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ACTION POINT

Instead, Joseph shares with his brothers a rich understanding of what has happened to him. Joseph affirms that God sent him ahead providentially to save both Hebrew and Egyptian lives. Not only are Jacob’s relatives spared because of Joseph but so are the Egyptians. Joseph has the perspective that it was not the brothers who sold him, but God who “sent” him. But, it is unlikely that Joseph saw it in exactly that light twenty-two years earlier. He makes it a bit more specific in verse 7 when he says, “God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant.” It now becomes clear that Joseph is the supernatural means for the salvation of his family. From this account, know that our God is all powerful and can use the bad in our lives to make good. Why not fully trust in God’s goodness!

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