

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Easter Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tuzz & Liz Hobbs



Prelude  
Lighting the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 554

\*Hymn Christ Arose 138

Prayer of Confession: O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. **We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.** Forgive our lack of faith, **our quickness to believe that you do not hear us,** and our pessimism about tomorrow. **Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray. 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 Isaiah 65:17-25 682  
John 20:1-18 988  
Acts 10:34-43 1002

Time for Children

\*Hymn He Lives! 132

Sermon: "The Meaning of Easter" 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: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 137

\*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:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$29,178.90
Rec'd 04-14-19:	\$2,328.80	Rec'd to Date:	\$28,064.56

**Sunday:** 04-21-2019 Easter Sunday  
8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Flowering of the Cross ceremony  
9:30 AM Easter Service (One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)  
Nursery available, but not staffed

**Tuesday:** 04-23-2019  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday:** 04-24-2019  
Noon Senior Luncheon

**Sunday:** 04-28-2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Easter  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)  
Guest speaker Kevin Clancy

**Announcements:**

A thank you, for the Morris family meal provided us on Maundy Thursday.

The Adult Bible Study will finish May 5<sup>th</sup> exploring the "**American Gospel: Christ Alone.**" The Gospel has been coopted into Christ plus +works, +health, +wealth, and +miracles. The study will help you know how the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ has been distorted in America and how-to re-center your faith on Christ.

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, April 23, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All women are welcome.

May 12 will be a Mothers Day recognition service.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

22 <sup>nd</sup> -Elgarda McGee	23 <sup>rd</sup> -Grant Zielke
25 <sup>th</sup> -Julia Morris/Moliter	26 <sup>th</sup> -Gwenda Blackmore

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

21<sup>st</sup>-John & Mary Ellen Lloyd



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
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)  
Aaron Francis (broken leg)  
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  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Evelyn Martz (cancer)  
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Gwen Montez (surgery)  
Marian Morris  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Joyce Profit  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Shelly (vertigo)  
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)  
Herb Summersett (prostate cancer)  
Doug Wierwille (cancer)  
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)  
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**TEACHING POINTS**

*First. Only God could redeem the mess God's people had made of their world and its effects on their present and future.*

*Second. Christ's sacrificial death was the payment to redeem the earth.*

*Third. In this life, you have a decision to make.*

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE**

*“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore (Isaiah 65:17 NLT).*

**ACTION POINT**

Believers will see the fulfillment of God's original vision of creation, of a perfect life with God. Joy will replace grief (v. 19), long life will replace earthly death (v. 20), and fulfillment in work will replace frustration (vv. 21–23). All our sins, all our despair, all the scars of the oppressions of the past are gone. They belong to the former things that will no longer be remembered. When you get free of your old anxieties, your wounds, and your self-seeking selfishness, it is like a fresh start, a new world, with Jesus as your Lord. Are you hurting, anxious, or paralyzed by your past, by a destructive lifestyle, or by what society says you are? Why not seek a cleansed new relationship with God through the actions of Christ's payment for your sins? With Christ in your life, you can begin anew!

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