

# Salem Presbyterian Church

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 04, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Gloria Leiter



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

\*Hymn Be Thou My Vision 334

Call to Worship Psalm 50:1-8,22-23 508

Prayer of Confession: O God, Your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily we fail to hear You over the busyness of daily life. **We want to cease to do evil.** We want to learn to do good. **Yet, we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need.** As You have sought us out, so we seek Your pardon. **Grant us courage, we pray, as persons, as communities, and as nations,** to bring about the justice You desire. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent 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 1:1,10-20 617

Luke 12:32-40 949

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 1096

Time for Children (VBS)

\*Hymn Blodwen *Welsh hymnal, 60*

Sermon *What Delights God* Rev. Thomas Emery

\*PCUSA - A Brief Statement of Faith Verses 27-51: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. **YET** God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Offertory: *Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings.*

\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn Deemster *Welsh hymnal, 29*

\*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.

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## Financial Update:

<b>Needed Weekly:</b>	<b>\$1,945.26</b>	<b>Needed to Date:</b>	<b>\$58,357.80</b>
<b>Rec'd 07-28-19:</b>	<b>\$2,204.30</b>	<b>Rec'd to Date:</b>	<b>\$60,398.98</b>

**Sunday:** 08-04-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Sunday:** 08-11-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)  
Guest speaker John Zerbe  
Gideon talk and offering  
No Sunday School  
5:00 PM Trustee meeting

**Announcements:**

Thank you, for volunteering for the Vacation Bible School. The photos are on a link from our website: SalemChurch.cc.

Thank you also, for those volunteers that helped clean the church on Saturday morning.

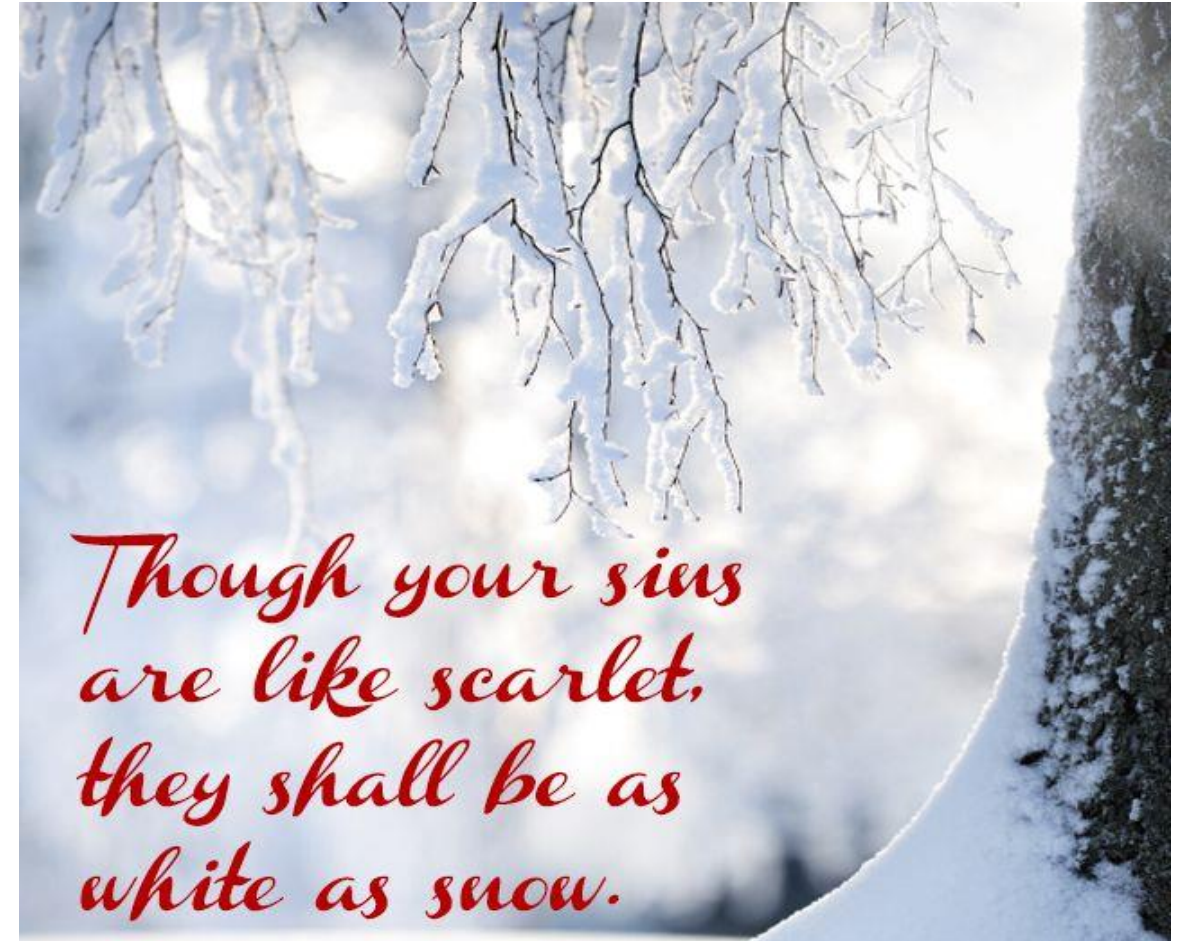
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the September newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

4 <sup>th</sup> -Phil Eutsler	4 <sup>th</sup> -Don Owens	
6 <sup>th</sup> -Brooke Coil	9 <sup>th</sup> -Denise Pugh	11 <sup>th</sup> -David Hobbs

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

12<sup>th</sup>- David & Carla Breese



**Isaiah 1:1,10-20**

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August 4, 2019

**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)  
Peggy Burnett  
Billie Coalson (Agent Orange)  
Jackie Coalson (COPD)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Mark Davis  
Kent DuCheney (surgery)  
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)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser  
(colon cancer)

Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Bob Louth (heart problems)  
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Gwen Montez (surgery)  
Marian Morris (failing health)  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)  
Bruce Taylor (need liver transplant)  
Martha Jean Evans Vasquez  
Doug Wierwille (cancer)  
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

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**TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *We are all invited to come to God.*

**POINT TWO** – *It is reasonable to come to God.*

**POINT THREE** – *What self-denials are destroying your life?*

**THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

*“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool (Isaiah 1:18 NLT).*

**ACTION POINT**

In verses, 18–20, the point, “reason together,” reminds us that this passage takes place in the context of a suggested court case between Yahweh and Judah. Isaiah calls his congregation to repentance. This could apply anytime to any congregation. We could be so satisfied with our empty religiosity that we fail to realize that it does not impress the LORD at all. God-given ordinances can so quickly be reduced to mere formality to the point that the LORD rejects them (Isaiah 1:11-15). After all, God tells us repeatedly that obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22; Hosea 6:6). Man is more interested in outward appearance, but only the LORD looks on the heart (cf. 1 Samuel 16:7). Why not consider our faith. Are we living empty religious lives, or do we have a vital faith that has a close walk with the living God? What do we need to do to change?

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