

Salem Presbyterian Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Morgan & Tyler McConnell



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Have Thine Own Way, Lord! 388

Call to Worship Psalm 14 485

Prayer of Confession: **Dear God, the God of abundant grace, may Your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship You this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover Your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear Your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to Your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. 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 *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 689
Luke 15:1-10 952
1 Timothy 1:12-17 1080

Time for Children

*Hymn Now Thank We All Our God 18

Sermon Don't Be Stupid – God Says 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 God's tithes and our offerings.*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn For the Fruit of All Creation See Insert

*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: \$70,029.36
Rec'd 09-08-19: \$1,694.00	Rec'd to Date: \$70,990.03

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:30 AM
10:45 AM

09-15-2019 Blessing of the Tractors
Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)
Gathering on front steps for the Blessing Ceremony
Potluck meal

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM
11:30 AM

09-22-2019
Worship (*nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh*)
Sunday School
Session Meeting

Wednesday:
Noon

09-25-2019
Senior Luncheon at the Lion's Club

Announcements:

The **Senior luncheon** will start back up on September 25th at noon.

Don't forget the **Women's Bible Study** begins at 7 pm on October 1st. All women are invited.

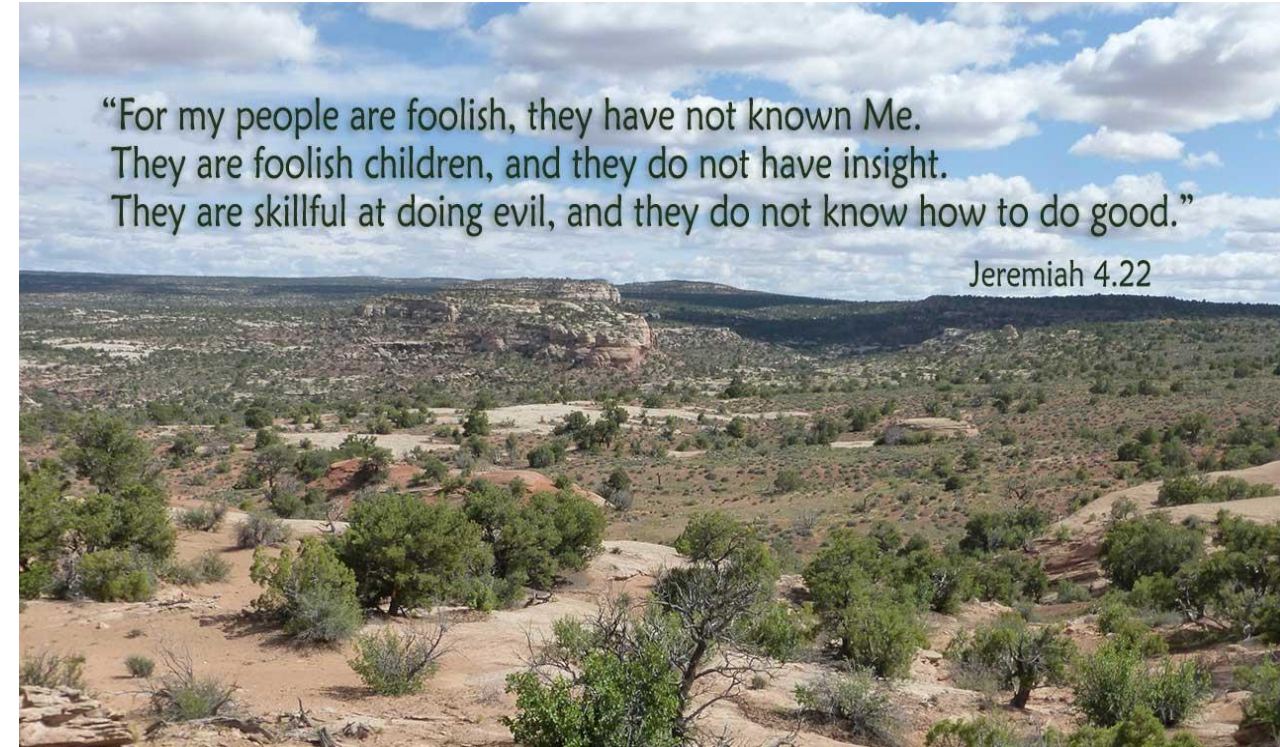
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

18 th -Jane Morris	18 th -Morgan McConnell	
20 th -Megan Jones	23 rd -April Ellerbrock	
25 th -Darlene Jones	26 th -Cindy Davis	26 th -Marian Morris

Upcoming Anniversaries

15th-Bob & Denise Pugh
28th-Eric & Jen Pugh



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Prayer Concerns:

Kylee Ball (surgery)
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
John Davis (eye surgery)
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Connie Johnson (cancer)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth (heart problems)
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
Becky Martz (tests)
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)
Norman Shnipke (stroke)
Bruce Taylor (had a liver transplant)
Martha Jean Evans Vasquez
Doug Wierwille (cancer)
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
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***Condolences to the families of Jane
Lloyd Arnold, Peggy Burnett, and Jeff
Kill**

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Surely, we aren’t so spiritually impoverished, so foolish, so stupid as to forget about the One who will not give up on us, the One who will not let us go.*

POINT TWO – *God isn’t calling us names; He is calling us to life.*

POINT THREE – *God will send the wind.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

God was faithful, but the people were not. God provided blessing upon blessing, but the people didn’t seem to notice. God gave of Himself in every way, but the people remained indifferent. They served themselves. They worshiped gods of their own making in the temples of their hearts. They lived their lives as if all that mattered was satisfying their whims and desires. They couldn’t see beyond themselves. They couldn’t reach up to God. All of God’s hopes for these people crumbled as they failed to remember who they were, whose they were, and why they had been created in the first place. Admittedly, aren’t we too so spiritually impoverished, so foolish, so stupid as to forget about the One who will not pass on us, the One who will not let us go. If you are far from God, don’t make the same mistakes as Judah, why not return to Him right now while you can!

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