

# Salem Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday, September 22, 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 This Is My Father's World 39

Call to Worship Psalm 79:1-9 529

Prayer of Confession: **We confess that we find Your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But Your medicine is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to You and to You alone. Turn us toward Your love for justice and true worship. Forgive our sins, for which You weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose You as our physician, and to serve You and You alone. 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 8:18-9:1 696  
Luke 16:1-13 953  
1 Timothy 2:1-7 1080

Time for Children

\*Hymn There is a Balm in Gilead See Insert

Sermon A Balm in Gilead 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 I Surrender All 394

\*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>\$71,974.62</b>
<b>Rec'd 09-15-19:</b>	<b>\$1,502.06</b>	<b>Rec'd to Date:</b>	<b>\$72,492.09</b>

**Sunday:** 09-22-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Session Meeting

**Wednesday:** 09-25-2019  
Noon Senior Luncheon at the Lion's Club

**Sunday:** 09-29-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Announcements:**

The **Senior luncheon** will be held this Wednesday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>, at noon.**

Don't forget the **Women's Bible Study** begins at **7 pm on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.** All women are invited.

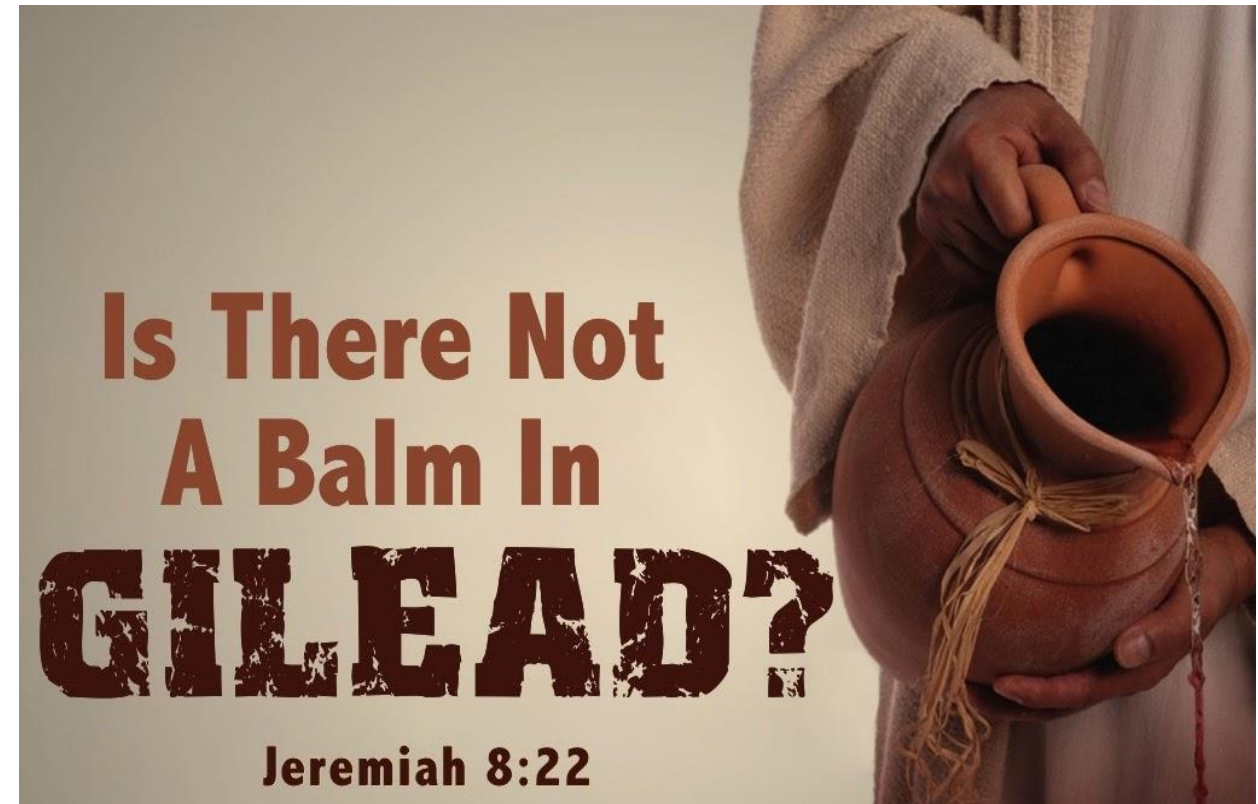
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

23 <sup>rd</sup> -April Ellerbrock	25 <sup>th</sup> -Darlene Jones
26 <sup>th</sup> -Cindy Davis	26 <sup>th</sup> -Marian Morris
27 <sup>th</sup> -Brian Ellerbrock	27 <sup>th</sup> -Lisa Lloyd

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

28<sup>th</sup>-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)  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
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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**TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *God does bring judgment for sins.*

**POINT TWO** – *There is a balm in Gilead.*

**POINT THREE** – *God has called the Church to be His influence in this world.*

**THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

*<sup>21</sup> I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief. <sup>22</sup> Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why is there no healing for the wounds of my people (Jeremiah 8:21-22 NLT)?*

**ACTION POINT**

God no longer works through a nation like He did with Israel. He works through His followers—the Church. Paul understood that God’s Kingdom was no longer confined to the borders of Israel, that God’s Kingdom is a Holy Nation, a Royal Priesthood, inaugurated by the Holy Spirit and founded upon a hill called Calvary. The Kingdom has no borders, but Heaven, and no King other than Jesus Christ. Though it is hard for us to see, especially during our sorrow, there is hope with God. There is a balm in Gilead. A physician whose hand can heal. A Teacher whose words are sure. A Healer who will make us whole. A Savior to save our soul. He is Christ Jesus, our Lord. Why not give your will and your life over to Him today?

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