

Salem Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 29, 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 Aberystwyth *Welsh Hymnal*, 17

Call to Worship Psalm 91:1-6 537

Prayer of Confession: Triune God, you call us to trust You in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. **In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future.** When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget Your love. **Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives.** Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from You, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. **Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care.** Forgive us, O God. **Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear.** Turn our hearts to You, that we may taste fullness of life and trust Your promised salvation. **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 32:1-3a, 6-15 722
Luke 16:19-31 954
1 Timothy 6:6-19 1083

Time for Children

*Hymn Trust and Obey 261

Sermon Trust in the Faithfulness of God 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 O God, Our Help in Ages Past 10

*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:	\$73,919.88
Rec'd 09-22-19:	\$819.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$73,311.09

Sunday: 09-29-2019
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 10-01-2019 Women's Bible Study at 7:00PM

Sunday: 10-06-2019 Worldwide Communion
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)
 10:45 AM Congregational Meeting- vote to move Memorial Fund
 11:30 AM Sunday School
 Confirmation Class and also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Tuesday: 10-08-2019 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Sunday: 10-13-2019
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Confirmation Class and also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

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

Election Day Dinner is November 5th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at the Lion's Club. Please sign up to volunteer, provide food, or donate money to make this event a success (sheet at back of church).

SHOEBOX PROJECT- For the last 26 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, **November 24**.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

29th-Stephanie Beck 30th-Jack Blackmore Oct 2nd-Kory Mullenhour

Upcoming Anniversaries

Oct 2nd--Eric & Jen Pugh 7th-Jason & Sarah Kimmet



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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
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God will not completely abandon us even if we turn back to Him.*

POINT TWO – *We can make it through even the very worst times by focusing on the future -- the time when God will finally set things right.*

POINT THREE – *We, like Jeremiah, are called to invest in the future.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

In our passage, Israel has given their worship over to idols and forgotten about God. They also have put their trust in treaties with enemies rather than in the Lord of Hosts. On the other hand, although they have abandoned God - God has not fully abandoned them. We can trust God in all circumstances and during all aspects of our lives. In trusting in God, we find the peace that passes all understanding, and God gives us the strength to heed Christ’s call. Why not put your full trust in God today?

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