

Salem Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Jean Owens



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision 334

Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-12 517

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have hidden our light and failed to share the love of Christ. **We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve, from the cities and towns where He carried out His ministry.** We have chosen instead to make our home in the isolated places where Jesus retreated for prayer. **And even there, our prayers have been mostly for ourselves.** We have deemed our church an escape from Van Wert County, rather than a sanctuary for it. **We have deemed ourselves Your chosen people but forsaken the ministry of reconciliation.** In Your infinite mercy, forgive us our sins and set us on the path of true righteousness, **that we may find the joy of our salvation as we seek the welfare of the world around us, especially Van Wert County. 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 29:1, 4-7 717
 Luke 17:11-19 955
 2 Timothy 2:8-15 1084

Special Music Dave Lusk

Time for Children

*Hymn **Take Time to Be Holy** 376

Sermon **"To Build a Godly Community"** 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 Cwm Rhondda *Welsh Hymnal, 40*

*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:	\$77,810.40
Rec'd 10-06-19:	\$6,393.08	Rec'd to Date:	\$81,447.84

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

Tuesday: 10-15-2019 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Sunday: 10-20-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class / also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM
12:30 PM Session Meeting

Announcements:

Don't forget the **Prayer Sheet** is on the back table which will be read during our prayer time.

Women's Bible Study will be held Tuesday, **October 15th, at 7 PM**. All women are invited.

The **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 (sign-up sheet at back of church).

The **Shoebbox 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 November newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

13th-David Breese 13th-Carter Dunlap
13th-Kayla Owens/Mumford 14th-Jason Kimmit

Upcoming Anniversaries

21st-Bob & Kathy McCollow



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Jayne Lloyd Arnold-health issues
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)
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)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *It is hard to believe that God is in control of everything.*

POINT TWO – *If you trust Him, God has a plan for your life that is better than what you can imagine.*

POINT THREE – *Basically, our deepest desire is God-filled serenity.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Like the exiles who first received Jeremiah's letter, we are understandably looking for a Word of peace. God's message to us is the same one that the refugees received: Get to work. Reach out actively and in love to others. Love both those who are easy to like because they are like us and those who are unfamiliar, uncomfortable, and unsettling to us. It is this kind of walk with God that we will find the peace that is promised. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. It is always there, in the unfamiliar, the uncomfortable and the unsettling, that we will find Christ and what we really want out of life.

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