

Salem Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 20, 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 Groeswen *Welsh Hymnal*, 42

Call to Worship Psalm 119:97-104 557

Prayer of Confession: God promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah, **who said that one day the law would be written on our hearts and all would know God.** Often, when we are confused and closed and worn, **and we wonder if that day will ever come.** God's promise throughout the law and prophets is made alive in us. **God will always be our God,** and we will always be God's people. **Let us be glad,** for God remembers our sin no more. **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 31:27-34 721
Luke 18:1-8 955
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 1085

Special Music O Happy Day Dave Lusk

Time for Children

*Hymn I Need Thee Every Hour 318

Sermon "Written on Our Hearts" 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: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Dave Lusk

Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn I Love to Tell the Story 431

*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:	\$79,755.66
Rec'd 10-13-19:	\$2,160.68	Rec'd to Date:	\$83,608.52

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

Tuesday: 10-22-2019 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 10-23-2019 Senior Luncheon

Sunday: 10-27-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
10:45 AM Budget and Nominations lists to be turned in
11:30 AM Sunday School
Confirmation Class / also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM

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 22th, 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**.

We are collecting 550 to 600 **gravy packets** this year. The cutoff date is **December 8th**.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

25th-Josh Hobbs
29th-Nancy Swygart
28th-Keaton Adkins
30th-Jeff Coil



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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)
Catie Emery (constant nightmares)
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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Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *We are mired in our sin and cannot fix our world.*

POINT TWO – *The new covenant means that God’s law will not only be written in stone, but also the hearts of God’s people (v. 33).*

POINT THREE – *In Christ, we have a personal relationship with God.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

“But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people (Jeremiah 31:33 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The future of God's people did not hang on Judah's self-reinstatement, but on a new act by God. Our fate does not hang on our self-restoration, but on the new covenant that finds its ultimate fulfillment in what God has done in Christ Jesus. That means we do not have to keep reliving the same old reruns of our lives. God is not a cold-hearted judge, keeping score. No, He is like an attentive spouse who leads us into a deeper relationship. He plants something new and living deep within us so that we can become all that God wants us to be. Yes, we have a pattern of disappointing God. But God is a God who always reaches out to us. Why not also invite Christ into our hearts and begin a close relationship with God?

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