

Salem Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 112 551

*Hymn Sweet Hour of Prayer 361

Prayer of Confession: The people of Israel returning home from the long Babylonian exile--sought guidance in Isaiah's words for building God's Kingdom. **Isaiah said to: ...Offer food to the hungry... Reach out to the afflicted... Remove the yokes of oppression and injustice... and Overcome despair and complaining.** We too, struggle with this guidance, and too often fail in our attempts to build community. **Holy One, forgive us.** Take away whatever holds us back. **Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as Your people.** O God, with Your help, we can change and bring You glory. **This we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.** (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of 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
Isaiah 58 674
Matthew 5:13-20 880
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 1038

Time for Children

*Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past 10

Sermon **"The Gap Between Belief and Behavior"** 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 Deemster *Welsh Hymnal, 29*

*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:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$9,943.89
Rec'd 02-02-20:	\$2,458.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$11,060.90

Sunday: 02-09-2020
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Session Meeting
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 02-11-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Sunday: 02-16-2020
 9:30 AM Worship w/Guest speaker Kevin Clancy
 (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*) No Sunday School

Tuesday: 02-18-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Sunday: 02-23-2020 Transfiguration of the Lord - Communion
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 02-25-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 02-26-2020 Ash Wednesday
 6:00 PM Supper by Pugh family
 7:00 PM Prayer Service

Announcements:

Be sure to sign up for the **2020 Flower Chart** on the back bulletin Board.

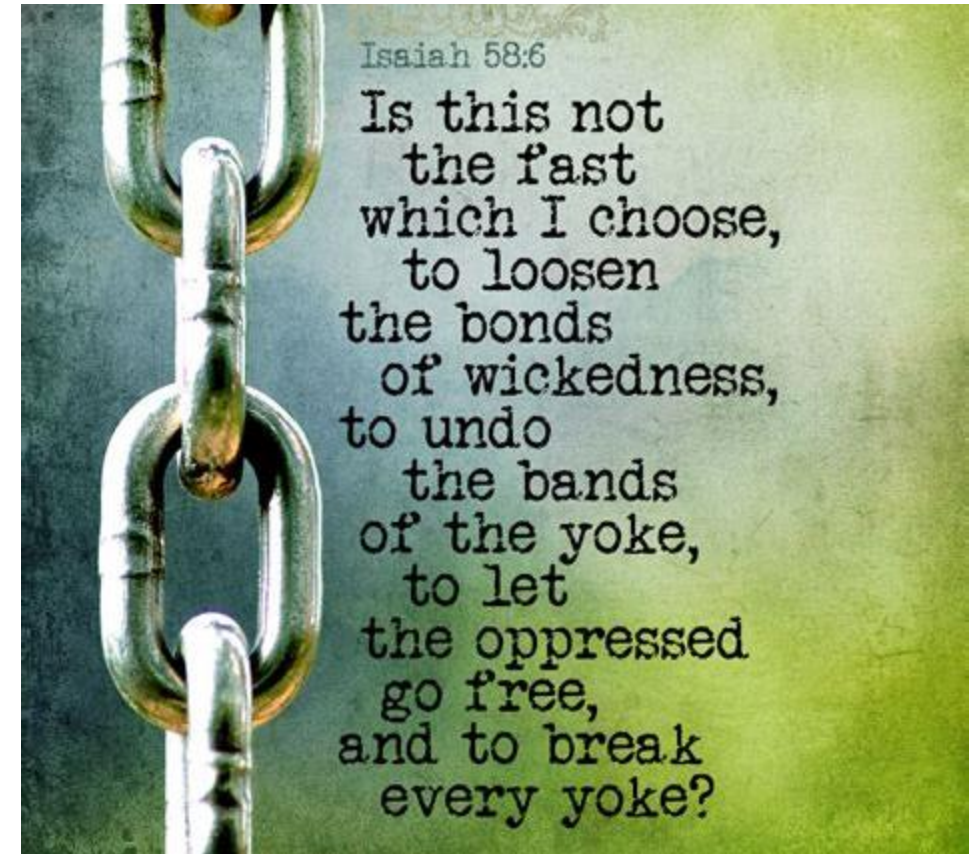
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **March newsletter**.
 Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

12 th -Madison Pugh	15 th -Ryan Fair	16 th -Jeff Lloyd	16 th -Scott Lloyd
18 th -Dalton Ellerbrock	18 th -Marylin Foust	19 th -Corey Hobbs	21 st -Paul Price

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th -Brian & April Ellerbrock	15 th -John C. & Anne Morris	22 nd -Dave & Ann Rees
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Prayer Concerns:

Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Warren (Punkin) Burnett
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
John Davis (stroke)
Cathy Donnal (leg surgery)
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Connie Johnson (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser
(colon cancer)

Serving our Country:

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Corey McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Tom Menker (cancer)
Marian Morris (failing health)
Joan Poling
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Derek Sellers (Muscular Dystrophy)
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
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“The Gap Between Belief and Behavior” – Isaiah 58
Salem Presbyterian Church
February 16, 2020

The Old Testament Prophets highlighted three basic sins that shattered the covenant with God: idolatry, social injustice, and reliance on hypocritical, religious ritual. What do you think the most common accusation of current church members might be? You are absolutely correct if you guessed "hypocrisy." This hypocritical attitude and behavior is not new for God's people. Isaiah addresses it also as their major problem in our Old Testament text. God accuses the people of putting on a good, religious front with their words. In sum in both Testaments, God exhorts His people to live righteously inside and out while they wait for the coming King.

TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *We Need to Not Just Listen, But to Do.*

POINT TWO – *We Need to Seek God's Approval and Not Human Applause.*

POINT THREE – *We Need to Close the Gap Between Belief and Behavior.*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

⁶ “No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. ⁷ Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help (Isaiah 58:6-7 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The prophet calls on the people to look inside themselves in terms of their true commitment. While the Lord looks upon those who fast in humility, God wants those who fast in humility to have regard for God and for others. This regard for others is expressed by giving people a sense of importance and freedom, by giving people food, and by speaking and acting in a way that brings honor to the people of God. Fasting as an act of humility and contrition can be acceptable to God only if it is an expression of love for God and neighbor. Why not examine your motives today to see if they line up with what God requires of you?

