

Salem Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neil

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric and Jen Pugh



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 121 560

*Hymn It Is Well with My Soul 256

Prayer of Confession: God of salvation, You shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from Your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience Your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on You, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ. 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 Genesis 12:1-4a 9
John 3:1-17 968
Romans 4:1-5 1026

Time for Children

*Hymn Sandon *Welsh Hymnal, 27*

Sermon **"God Is Calling You"** 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 Sanctus *Welsh Hymnal, 30*

*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: \$17,899.01
Rec'd 03-01-20: \$1,725.00 Rec'd to Date: \$22,826.50

Sunday: **03-08-2020 Second Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: **03-10-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

Sunday: **03-15-2020**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

March 8th from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm is a **Soup & Sandwich Supper** at the Landeck St. John Church Basement. Venedocia sausage and homemade ice cream will be on the menu.

On March 25th, the **Senior Luncheon** will begin for the new year. Come enjoy a good meal, bingo and fellowship together.

Palm Sunday is April 5, and on April 9 we will have a **Maundy Thursday** supper hosted by the Morris family at 6 PM and a 7 PM Service with Communion.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

8 th -John Morris	11 th -Todd Morris	14 th -Larry Caffro
14 th -Elijah Martz	16 th -Tom Emery	20 th -Johnathon Morris
20 th -Brian Owens		



Genesis 12:1-4a

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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)
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(colon cancer)

Serving our Country:

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

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LuAnn (family issues)
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Tom Menker (cancer)
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Joan Poling
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – We are called to leave home to follow God.

POINT TWO - Will you trust God as He works through us?

POINT THREE – All Christians are on a faith journey.

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

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