

# Salem Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Dave VanTilburg

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



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 23 491

\*Hymn Standing on the Promises 175

Prayer of Confession: God of light, forgive us. We are a people blinded by appearances. **We glance at the surface. We look at the obvious.** We do not want to peer into the depths or worry over complexities. **In Your mercy, grant us eyes to look at the heart.** God of truth, forgive us. We are a people obsessed with appearances. **We want to look good. We want to seem righteous.** In trying to keep up appearances we often ignore the substance of our lives. **In Your mercy, reveal and transform our hearts. 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 1 Samuel 16:1-13 257  
Eph. 5:8-14 1067  
John 9:1-41 976

Time for Children

\*Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See 163

Sermon **"God Looks Upon the Heart"** 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 Groeswen *Welsh Hymnal, 42*

\*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: \$21,876.56  
Rec'd 03-15-20: \$4,649.30 Rec'd to Date: \$28,474.80

**Sunday:** **03-22-2020 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)  
Sunday School

**Tuesday:** **03-24-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

**Sunday:** **03-29-2020 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)  
Sunday School

**Tuesday:** **03-31-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

**Announcements:**

Our Secretary, Liz Hobbs, will continue be available at the church during the next two weeks.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the **Senior Luncheon** will cancel the March 25 meeting. Session will evaluate whether we can hold an April meeting. When held, it is a great place for a seniors to come enjoy a good meal, bingo and fellowship together.

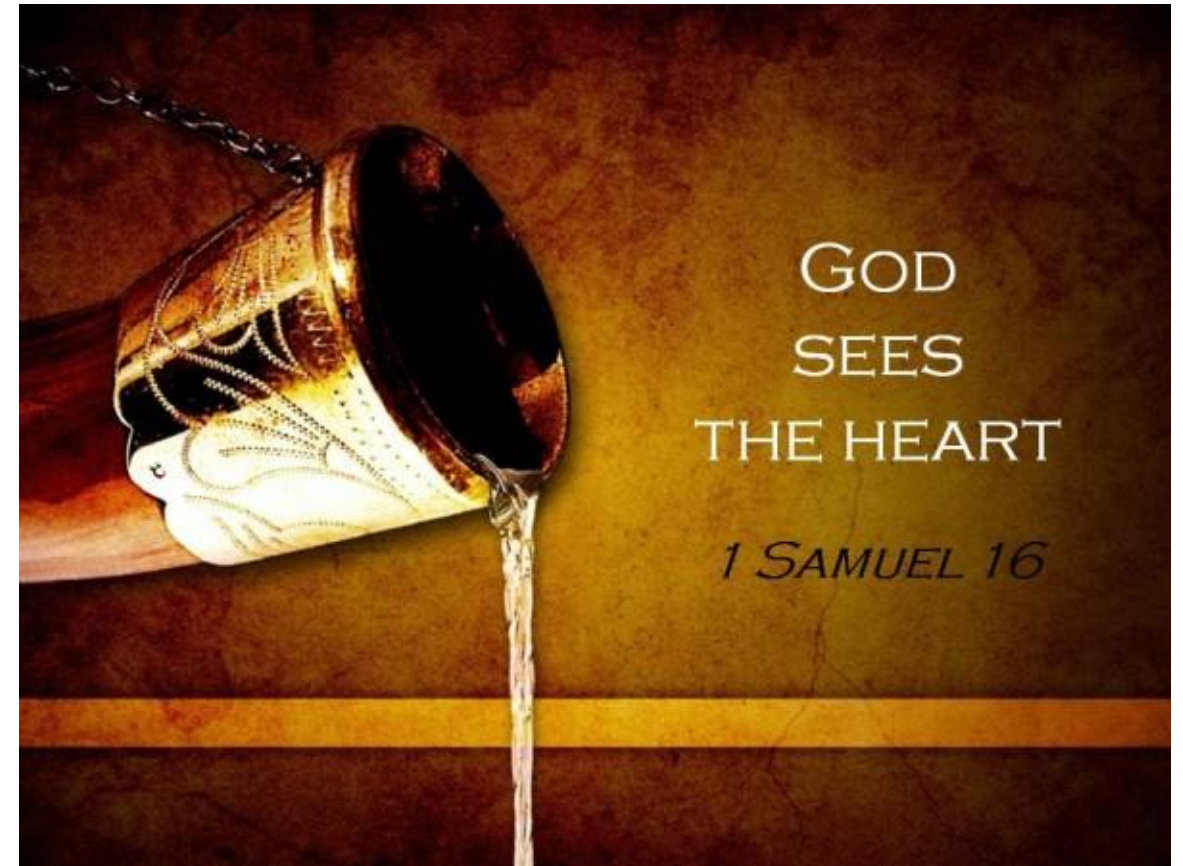
The Salem Church will continue to meet, but we emphasize personal safety by limiting touching and the sanitizing of hands with the bottles of Purell located around the church when coming and going. Perhaps also, with a large sanctuary, we can sit apart of one another to limit exposure to possible virus germs.

**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](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

22<sup>nd</sup>-Toby Adkins      23<sup>rd</sup>- Josh Hoehn      28<sup>th</sup>-Ron Richards



**Genesis 12:1-4a**

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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)  
Rod Eutsler (hip surgery)  
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)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

**POINT ONE** – *We shouldn’t rely on first impressions.*

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**POINT THREE** – *God will show us what to do, give us instructions on how to do it, and send us where it must be done.*

### THIS WEEK’S VERSE

*But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:1-7 NLT).*

### ACTION POINT

In the passage, we see the process that God grasps that it’s time to choose a new king; this time, it will be someone whose heart is rooted in God. Not a seasoned warrior, bent on leading with his own will and his dreams of glory and prestige. But it will be someone who will actually put God first and put God’s goals first. The Lord reminds Samuel that He considers our inner qualities rather than our outward appearances. What are your inner qualities? Are you humble before God daily asking Him what is His will for you for each day? Don’t live for yourself; live for God!

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