

Sunday: 05-24-2020
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)
Recognize Veterans
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Tuesday: 05-26-2020
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 05-31-2020
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
Baptism / Confirmation Class / Communion
Pentecost Offering to local charities
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Announcements:

Unfortunately, because of the Coronavirus regulations, we are not able to have the Memorial Day Ceremony in the park this month nor the Gymanfa Ganu for September. The Ice Cream Social has been postponed; more details will be forthcoming.

Our next **Communion** is scheduled for May 31, the Day of Pentecost. The Confirmation Class will also be presented to the Salem Congregation for Membership during the Service. A Baptism of Keaton Adkins will also take place.

The Adult Sunday School is looking at our faith in a loving God.

Please let us know if you are aware of high school or college graduates. We need photos and stories for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Our Facebook pages are: "**Salem Presbyterian Church Venedocia**" for our Facebook Live Sermon posting, and the Group Page is "**Salem United Presbyterian Church**" for spiritual churchwide discussions. Our shortrange FM station is **FM 87.9** for the Venedocia area.

Upcoming Birthdays

25th-Taylor Hoehn June 2nd-Barb Owens 4th-Chad Pugh

Upcoming Anniversaries

June 2nd-Ron & Barb Owens 14th-Jeff & Kim Coil 17th-Bill & Elgarda McGee



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Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Marilyn Beamer (stroke)
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)
Jane Harter
Tim Huster (cancer)
Connie Johnson (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
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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)
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris (failing health)
Joan Poling
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – God gives us the power to proclaim Christ.

Point Two – Jesus told us how to go.

Point Three – Jesus tells us where to go.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8 NLT).

ACTION POINT

A good witness needs, first of all, to be a credible person. There are few people we dislike more than hypocrites, people who publicly stand for one thing but are really something else. A good witness also needs to be caring. There is an old saying from Theodore Roosevelt, “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” If that is true in the secular world, how much more is that true about those who represent Christ? “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” Let us really love those around us so they can see the love of Christ through us.

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CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:1-10 NLT

¹ Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies.
Let those who hate God run for their lives.

² **Blow them away like smoke.**
Melt them like wax in a fire.
Let the wicked perish in the presence of God.

³ But let the godly rejoice.
Let them be glad in God's presence.
Let them be filled with joy.

⁴ **Sing praises to God and to his name!**
Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.^[a]
His name is the LORD—
rejoice in his presence!

⁵ Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

⁶ **God places the lonely in families;**
he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.
But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

⁷ O God, when you led your people out from Egypt,
when you marched through the dry wasteland, Interlude

⁸ **the earth trembled, and the heavens poured down rain**
before you, the God of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You sent abundant rain, O God,
to refresh the weary land.

¹⁰ **There your people finally settled,**
and with a bountiful harvest, O God,
you provided for your needy people.

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth.
Sing praises to the Lord. Interlude

³³ **Sing to the one who rides across the ancient heavens,**
his mighty voice thundering from the sky.

³⁴ Tell everyone about God's power.
His majesty shines down on Israel;
his strength is mighty in the heavens.

³⁵ **God is awesome in his sanctuary.**
The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

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