

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, October 4th, 2020, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Jean Owens



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 19 488

\*Hymn: Huddersfield *Welsh hymnal*, 19

Prayer of Confession: God gave us the covenant of the law to guide us and to help us live with our neighbors in love. **When we break God's law, we leave our neighbors hurt and bruised.** God's law is a gift to us, showing us how to keep our part of the covenant. **Even through old pain and wounds, may we embrace the new life that Christ can bring.** Let us rejoice in the wisdom and the loving care from God and the future eternal life in heaven that God offers to us. **Praise be to God. We pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Special Music Bells Jr. Choir

Scripture Readings \*Exodus 20:1-20 65  
Matthew 21:33-46 899  
Philippians 3:4b-14 1070

Time for Children

\*Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be 393

Sermon: "The Meaning of the Ten Commandments"

Rev. Thomas Emery

Words of Institution **1 Corinthians 11:23-28** 1045

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer  
Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

\*Hymn PenPark *Welsh Hymnal*, 26

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

\*Prayer of Dedication of the gifts and offerings  
\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*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: \$77,562.36  
Rec'd 9-27-20: \$2,962.80 Rec'd to Date: \$84,994.74

**Sunday:** 10-04-20  
9:30 AM Worship and Communion (*nursery with Liz Hobbs*)  
10:45 AM Offering for the Salvation Army  
Sunday School

**Tuesday** 10-06-20  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 10-11-20  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Kim Coil*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The Adult Sunday school will take place in the back room after the service.

**Women's Bible Study** is on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our goal is to fellowship and have fun experiencing God together! Contact Carol Emery if you'd like more information (513)270-1036.

The **Election Day Supper** will be held on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 to 7pm at the Lion's Club.

The **Shoebox Project** - For the last 27 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 22. There are flyers and boxes set up in the Prayer room.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the upcoming newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

8<sup>th</sup> Bob McCollow      13<sup>th</sup> David Breese      13<sup>th</sup> Carter Dunlap  
14<sup>th</sup> Jason Kimmet

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

7<sup>th</sup> Jason & Sarah Kimmet



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Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Cathy Donnal (health issues)  
Catie Emery (nightmares)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Carson Kundert  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
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*Second. We can have a perfect society if everyone practiced the Ten Commandments, but unfortunately no one can perfectly obey them.*

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