

# Salem Presbyterian Church

**All Saints Day, Sun., Nov. 1st, 2020, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 548

\*Hymn: Bringing in the Sheaves 420

Prayer of Confession: Lead us home, O God, when we wander lost in a wildernesses of our own making. **Like errant children, we stray from the safety of our heavenly parent.** We hear Your voice calling, but go our own way. **We remember Your teachings, but instead follow the foolish desires and whims of our hearts.** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us home, where we will follow Your paths, and do the work You have for us. **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**

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings \*Joshua 3:7-17 193

Matthew 23:1-12 901

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 1075

Time for Children

\*Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 334

Sermon:

"Commit to Moving Forward"

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 our tithes and offerings*

\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: Aberystwyth *Welsh hymnal, 17*

**Naming of the Saints:** Diane Burnett, Kris Richey, Pam Purmort, Doug Wierwille, Lary Howell, Don Balyeat, Larry Poling, Dorothea Plikerd, Bob Louth, Sr., Steve Gullickson, Bill Harmon, Sara Whittaker, Bill Pollock, Natalie Wilkin, Dave Cook, Marilyn Beamer, Chad Eutsler, Julie Sheets, Brenda Fackler, Dan Theobald, Mary Looser, Connie Johnson, Nancy Cox, Jack Hardesty, Kay Patrick, Vincent Clement, Robert C. Evans, and Patty Hodgson.

\*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: \$85,517.47

Rec'd 10-25-20: \$1,173.30 Rec'd to Date: \$91,247.54

**Sunday:** 11-01-20  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Tuesday:** 11-03-20  
4:30-7 PM Election Night carry-out supper at Lion's Club

**Sunday:** 11-08-20  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)  
10:45 AM Joint Session/Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

Adult Sunday school will take place in the Prayer Room after the service.

There is no Women's Bible Study this week.

The Election Day Supper will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. Remember to vote!

The Veterans Day Service is on November 8<sup>th</sup>; November 8<sup>th</sup> is also when Session and the Trustees meet at 11:30 AM to approve the budget. The Budget and Nomination reports will be given to the Congregation November 15<sup>th</sup>, and the vote on the budget and officers will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shoeboxes are due by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Area musicians (including Dave VanTilburg and Sheila Collins) will be performing in a community concert titled, "BETWEEN THE NOTES" on Saturday evening, November 7, at 7:00 PM. The concert will be held at First United Methodist Church of Van Wert.

Please start collecting **gravy packets**. The goal for our church this year is 650 packages to donate to the Salvation Army by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Avery Zielke  
5<sup>th</sup> Missy Zielke  
5<sup>th</sup> Carla Breese  
5<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Rhoades



Joshua 3:7-17 Crossing the Jordan River

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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)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

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*Second. The first step is the hardest.*

*Third. The Lord is the true leader.*

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