Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, Nov 8th, 2020, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Christian Flag I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with Life and liberty to all who believe

<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 78:1-7	526	
* <u>Hymn</u> :	America the Beautiful	531	

Prayer of Confession: God of Mystery, we want to stay awake and to be ready for Your surprises, but we are tired and overcome with our usual routine. We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of Your kingdom, but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification. We want to believe Your promises from ancient days, but we are overwhelmed with postmodern doubts. Come to us again, O God. Awaken us with Your unexpected grace. Shock us with Your daring mercy. Lift us up from weariness and set our feet on Your path once more. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u>

The Lord's Prayer

New Member presentation

Scripture Read	ings *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Matthew 25:1-13 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	213 903 1077			
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Celebration of Our Veterans					
* <u>Hymn</u> :	My Country, 'Tis of Thee	529			
Sermon:	"Let Us Be Fully Committed to God"	Rev. Thomas Emery			

*<u>Apostle's Creed</u>: 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.

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Financial Update:				

Needed Weekly:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$87,506.25
Rec'd 11-01-20:	\$2,488.86	Rec'd to Date:	\$93,736.40

Sunday:

<u>11-08-20</u>

Worship (nursery with Morgan & Tyler McConnell) Reception Joint Session/Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 7:00 PM

9:30 AM

10:30 AM

10:45 AM

<u>11-10-20</u> Women's Bible Study

Sunday:<u>11-15-20</u>9:30 AMWorship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)Guest Speaker John ZerbeNo Sunday School

Announcements:

Today, we will welcome as members of Salem, Steve and Lindsay Richards and their four children: Melia, Gianna, Vincent, and Bianca.

The Veterans Day Service is today; it will be followed by a reception in the Prayer Room for the Veterans and the Richards family.

The Session and the Trustees meet following the reception to approve the budget. The Budget and Nomination reports will be given to the Congregation November 15th, and the vote on the budget and officers will be November 22nd.

Shoeboxes are due by November 22nd.

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

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the December newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u>.

Upcoming Birthdays

10th Lucas Mullenhour 12th Catie Emery 11th Sarah Kimmet 16th Doug Jones



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TEACHING POINTS

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