

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, Jan 10th, 2021, Baptism of the Lord

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 29 494

\*Hymn: In the Garden 264

Prayer of Confession: Holy and merciful God, in perfection You created the earth, fixed the course of the sun and seasons, and populated the earth with plants, fish, birds, animals, and humankind to live in an intricate, balanced web of life. **You created us in Your image and gave us the responsibility to care for the world.** We confess that we have failed to live up to our responsibilities. **Our lust for comfort and money has polluted the water.** We choke the air with gases that poison. **We live for ourselves instead of others.** Now, we pray for Your forgiveness and beg that You would create a right heart and mind within us... **that we may live according to Your good and perfect commands... 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

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music Groswen Welsh Hymnal, 42

Scripture Readings \*Genesis 1:1-5 1  
Mark 1:4-11 910  
Acts 19:1-7 1012

Time for Children

Hymn: This Is My Father's World 39

Sermon: *"Evolution vs God"* 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  
\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: How Great Thou Art 37

\*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:	\$2,108.38	Needed to Date:	\$2,108.38
Rec'd 1-3-21:	\$1,139.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$1,139.50

**Sunday:** 1-10-2021  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)  
1:00 PM Session Training Class  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 1-12-2021  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 1-17-2021  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)

**Announcements:**

The **annual financial reports** are due today. Please place in church office area.

The **2021 Offering Envelope Boxes** can be found on the white table in the Prayer Room. Please sign your name beside the box number you take for the year 2021.

The **Session Training Class** will be at 1 PM today; bring a snack to share. Thanks to those who have served going off the Session and Trustees this year and to those who are newly serving.

Be sure to sign up for the **2021 Flower Chart** on the back-bulletin Board.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

10 <sup>th</sup> Dominic Adkins	11 <sup>th</sup> Chelsey Lloyd	11 <sup>th</sup> Ashlyn Price
12 <sup>th</sup> Christina Emery	12 <sup>th</sup> George Siler	16 <sup>th</sup> Rob Breese
16 <sup>th</sup> Liz Hobbs		



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Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Rosemary Cooper  
Asher Eberle  
Melissa Fallis (Warren Summersett's granddaughter)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd  
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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Byron Mohr  
David Morris (Zeb)  
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Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)  
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The area Nursing Homes and their residents

**Serving Our Country**

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#### TEACHING POINTS

*First. Belief in evolution is parallel to belief in creationism - both are beliefs which their followers hold to be true, but neither beliefs have been capable of proof.*

*Second. If evolution is such a deficient theory, if, in fact, it not only didn't happen but really couldn't have happened, why do scientists so vigorously defend it? It is because otherwise we would have to acknowledge that there is a God to whom we are accountable.*

*Third. Only when you understand how you got here, will you ever know why you are here. Only God can answer the fundamental questions of human existence.*

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1 NLT).*

#### ACTION POINT

The debate provides answers to whether you were created for a purpose, or you have no purpose; whether there is a plan for your life or no plan for your life. Finally, it answers whether some things are right, and some things are wrong (and God's Word tells us which is which) or right and wrong are merely up to majority vote. Then, we look at the world we live in today with weeds, pests, bacteria, viruses, murder, rape, war, hatred, and violence, and we have to ask, “So what happened?” The lesson is this - there is a hole in your soul that can only be filled by the God who created you. The reason the Creator God came to earth and lived and died as a man and was raised from the dead was to fill that hole with grace and forgiveness and love. Understand not only that you were created, but also understand that the Christ of Creation wants to personally relate to you, both now and forever. With that awareness, life will begin to be lived with purpose and fulfillment. Why not speak to God now, and let Him know that you also want a deep loving relationship with Him?

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