

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

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



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 127 561

*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy 70

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves and our gifts and our talents, and wonder what You would want us to do with them. We don't think that we have much to give. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth, to truly please and serve You. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to You, and to receive Your gentle touch and healing grace. Help us to remember that You have given us blessings, to be used to bring joy and service to others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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

Scripture Readings *Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 240 Mark 12:38-44 924 Hebrews 9:24-28 1094

Time for Children

*Hymn: Lilly of the Valley Welsh Hymna

Sermon "We See God's Hand In This World by Hindsight" 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 Prayer Praise God Inside Front Cover *Response

Naming of the Saints: Larry Tribolet, Carol Ringwald, Karen Lentz, Art Eversole, Dean Mollenkopf, Corky Hammons, Ken Davies, John Pavel, Gretta Waltz-Shaw, Billy Hughes, Ron Bagley, Curt Whetstone, Marcia Hundley Hernandez, Dick Kirkendall, Barb Laing, Max Myers, Jill Burnett, David Owens, Ken Coil, Danny King, Clint Mosier, Naomi "Jane" Mason, Linda Girod, Inara Febus, Ralph Eversole, Ray Young, Ione Owens, Linda Lifesy, Sheri Youngpeter, Jim Lehman, Alice Morris, Dale Davies, Harold Wollenhaupt, and Evelyn Harter.

*Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross 113

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction *Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*Those who can are invited to stand.



Financial Update: Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$92,768.80 Rec'd 10-31-21: \$964.50 Rec'd to Date: \$102,440.06

Sunday: 11-07-21 All Saints Day
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)
 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School "The Chosen"

Tuesday: 11-9-21
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: 11-10-21
 7:00 PM "The Chosen" shown at the manse.

Thursday: 11-11-21
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at Trinity Friends

Sunday: 11-14-21 Veterans Day Recognition & Thank Offering
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
 10:45 AM Session meeting
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** will again meet on Tuesday, November 9, at 7 PM.

The **Adult Sunday School** viewing "The Chosen" series will begin after the service today and at 7 PM, Wednesday, November 10 at the manse.

The next **Senior Luncheon** next meeting is at noon, December 1st at the Lions Club building.

Veterans will be honored next Sunday.

Gravy Packets are being collected for the Salvation Army this year. Our goal this year is 500 packages, and the due date is December 12th.

SHOEBOX PROJECT- Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, November 21st.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the December newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc or PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

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



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Lynnix Bragg
Barry Coil (tests)
Kathy Comer
Pastor Tom Emery
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Andy Francis
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Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Brett Hammons
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Jane Harter
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
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