

Salem Presbyterian Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 31, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Seth Baker

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gloria Leiter



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision 334

Call to Worship Psalm 50:1-8,22-23 508

Prayer of Confession: O God, Your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily we fail to hear You over the busyness of daily life. **We want to cease to do evil.** We want to learn to do good. **Yet, we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need.** As You have sought us out, so we seek Your pardon. **Grant us courage, we pray, as persons, as communities, and as nations,** to bring about the justice You desire. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent 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 *Isaiah 1:1,10-20 617
Luke 12:32-40 949
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 1096

Time for Children VBS presentation

*Hymn Blodwen *Welsh hymnal, 60*

Sermon "How to Please 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.**

*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn Deemster *Welsh hymnal, 29*

*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: \$2,126.78	Needed to Date: \$63,803.28
Rec'd 07-24-2022: \$1,788.00	Rec'd to Date: \$72,241.04

Sunday: 07-31-2022 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)

Tuesday: 08-02-2022
 7:30 AM Men's Bible study in the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria led by the Gideons.

Thursday: 08-04-2022
 Noon Van Wert County noon Prayer Meeting at the Trinity Friends in Van Wert.

Sunday: 08-07-2022 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)

Announcements:

Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at noon at the Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert for the month of August.

Thank you, for all who helped with this year's **Vacation Bible School**.

Congratulations to Tyler and Morgan McConnell on the **birth of Charlotte Ann** on 7/25/22. She weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 ½ inches long.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the upcoming **September newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

31 st Kristyn Jones	31 st Zach Wise	Aug 4 th Philip Eutsler
4 th Don Owens	6 th Brook Coil	9 th Denise Pugh

Upcoming Anniversaries

31 st Jason & Danielle Lloyd	10 th Tyler & Morgan McConnell
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Isaiah 1:18 (NASB)

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

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August 31, 2022

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Kathy Comer
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(lymphoma)LaDonna's stepdaughter
Pastor Tom Emery (long covid healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
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Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *We are all invited to come to God.*

POINT TWO – *It is reasonable to come to God.*

POINT THREE – *What self-denials are destroying your life?*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

“Come now, let's settle this,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool (Isaiah 1:18 NLT).

ACTION POINT

In verses, 18–20, the point, “reason together,” reminds us that this passage takes place in the context of a suggested court case between Yahweh and Judah. Isaiah calls his congregation to repentance. This could apply anytime to any congregation. We could be so satisfied with our empty religiosity that we fail to realize that it does not impress the LORD at all. God-given ordinances can so quickly be reduced to mere formality to the point that the LORD rejects them (Isaiah 1:11-15). After all, God tells us repeatedly that obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22; Hosea 6:6). Man is more interested in outward appearance, but only the LORD looks on the inner heart (cf. 1 Samuel 16:7). Why not consider our faith. Are we living empty religious lives, or do we have a vital faith that has a close walk with the living God? What do we need to do to change?

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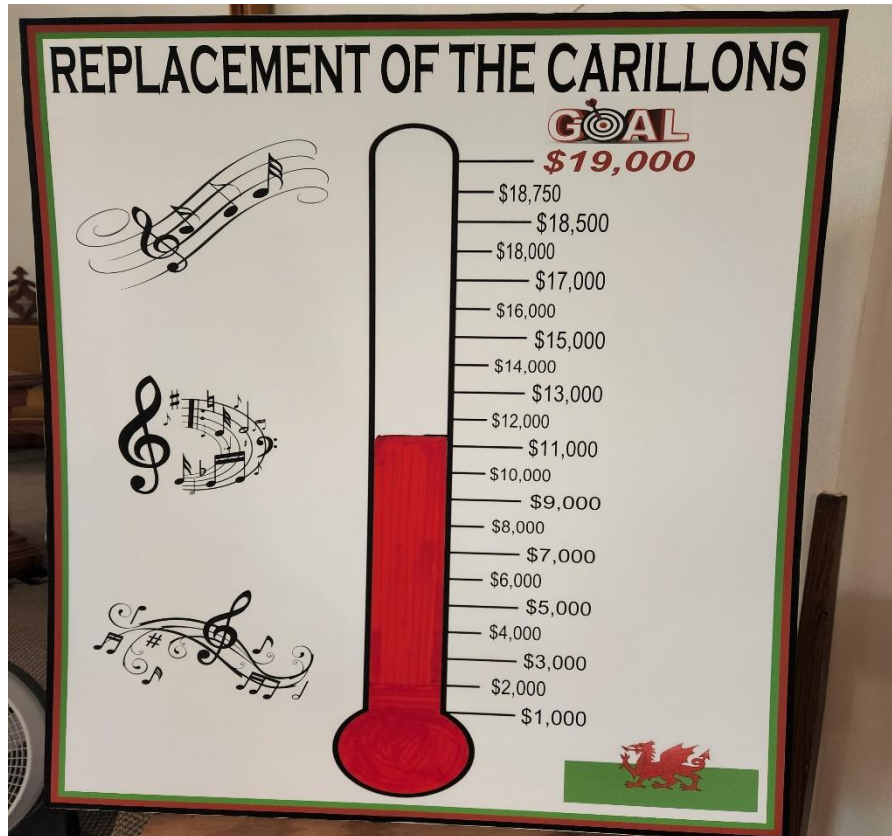
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