# Salem Presbyterian Church

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 25, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery		Organist: Dave VanTilburg		
Flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric & Jen Pugh የተያያያያያት የተያያያያያ የተያያያ የተያያ				
Prelude				
Lighting of the Candles				
Welcome & Prayer				
* <u>Hymn</u>	Aberystwyth	Welsh Hymnal, 17		

Call to Worship Psalm 91:1-6 537

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Triune God, you call us to trust You in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget Your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from You, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to You, that we may taste fullness of life and trust Your promised salvation. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please take a moment of silent confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Response

I Love You Lord 2X

See Insert

Joys & Concerns of the Church Prayers of the People Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings	*Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Luke 16:19-31 1 Timothy 6:6-19	722 954 1083
Time for Children		
* <u>Hymn</u>	Trust and Obey	261
Sermon	Trust in the Faithfulness of 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: Prayer of Dedication

* <u>Response</u>	Praise God	Inside Front Cover				
* <u>Hymn</u>	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	10				
*Taking the Light into the World						
*Charge and Benediction * <u>Congregational Response</u> <b>Three Fold Amen</b> Inside Back Cover						

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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Financial Update:						
Needed Weekly:	\$2,126.78	Needed to Date:	\$80,817.49			
Rec'd 09-18-2022:	\$2,161.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$84,681.40			

Sunday: 9:30 AM 10:45 AM

# Tuesday:

7:30 AM 7:00 PM

# Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*) Session Meeting 09-27-2022

Men's Bible Study at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria. Women's Bible Study Romans: Lesson 8

09-25- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday: Noon

## <u>09-29-2022</u>

Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Pentecostal Way Church at 1215 Leeson Avenue.

Sunday: 9:30 AM <u>10-2- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*) Worldwide Communion Peacemaking Offering

# Announcements:

The Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 28th, at noon.

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

# **Upcoming Birthdays:**

25<sup>th</sup> Darlene Jones 27<sup>th</sup> Lisa Lloyd 30<sup>th</sup> Jack Blackmore 26<sup>th</sup> Cindy Barnes 29<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Beck Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Kory Mullenhour

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29<sup>th</sup> Steve Richards



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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – God will not abandon us if we return to Him.

**POINT TWO** – We can make it through even the very worst times by focusing on the future -- the time when God will finally set things right.

**POINT THREE** – *We, like Jeremiah, are called to invest in the future.* 

#### THIS WEEK'S VERSE

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#### ACTION POINT

In our passage, Israel has given their worship to idols and forgotten about God. They also have put their trust in treaties with enemies rather than in the Lord of hosts. On the other hand, although they have abandoned God - God has not fully abandoned them. We can trust God in all circumstances and during all aspects of our lives. In returning to trusting in God, we find the peace that passes all understanding, and God gives us the strength to heed Christ's call. Why not put your full trust in God today?

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