

Salem Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sunday, October 16, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
 Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Foust



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Groeswen *Welsh Hymnal*, 42

Call to Worship Psalm 119:97-104 557

Prayer of Confession: God promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah, **who said that one day the law would be written on our hearts and all would know God.** Often, when we are confused and closed and worn, **and we wonder if that day will ever come.** God's promise throughout the law and prophets is made alive in us. **God will always be our God,** and we will always be God's people. **Let us be glad,** for God remembers our sin no more. **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 31:27-34 721
 Luke 18:1-8 955
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 1085

Time for Children

*Hymn I Need Thee Every Hour 318

Sermon "Heartfelt Faith" 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 I Love to Tell the Story 431

*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:	\$87,197.81
Rec'd 10-9-2022:	\$1,853.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$90,255.90

Sunday: 10-16-2022
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
 10:45AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 10-18-2022
 7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 10-20-2022
 Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** at Salem Church.

Sunday: 10-23-2022
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards*)

Announcements:

Don't forget the **Prayer Sheet** is on the back table which will be read during our prayer time.

The next **Senior Luncheon** event is October 26th at noon at the Lions Club.

The **Shoebbox Project** - For the last 29 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, **November 7**.

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.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the November newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

22 nd Ashley Finn	23 rd Remi Finn	25 th Josh Hobbs
28 th Keaton Adkins	29 th Nancy Swygart	30 th Jeff Coil

Upcoming Anniversaries:

21 st Bob & Kathy McCollow	30 th Kevin & Kristen Price
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Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Jeff Coil (open heart surgery)
Kathy Comer
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
 LaDonna's stepdaughter
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *We are mired in our sin and cannot fix our world.*

POINT TWO – *The new covenant means that God’s law will not only be written in stone, but also the hearts of God’s people (v. 33).*

POINT THREE – *In Christ, we have a personal relationship with God.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

“But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people (Jeremiah 31:33 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The future of God's people did not hang on Judah's self-reinstatement, but on a new act by God. Our fate does not hang on our self-restoration, but on the new covenant that finds its ultimate fulfillment in what God has done in Christ Jesus. That means we do not have to keep reliving the same old reruns of our lives. God is not a cold-hearted judge, keeping score. No, He is like an attentive spouse who leads us into a deeper relationship. He plants something new and living deep within us so that we can become all that God wants us to be. Yes, we have a pattern of disappointing God. But God is a God who always reaches out to us. Why not also invite Christ into our hearts and begin a close relationship with God?

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