

# Salem Presbyterian Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Posting of the Flags and the Pledge of Allegiance

\*Hymn Battle Hymn of the Republic 530

Call to Worship Psalm 98 540

Prayer of Confession: Lord God, we ask that by Your holy light that You illuminate the instances in our lives where we have not lived up to Your Name. **We denounce “obvious” evils in our society such as corruption, lying, addictions, murder, rape, domestic violence, thievery, and sexual exploitation.** However, we often fail to remember that Your gospel calls us to see the world as You see it – from the vantage point of the “least of these.” **We see societal ills that blatantly disobey Your Word; help us to speak up.** We confess that we have not been extravagantly generous with our time, resources, or prayers. **Convict us to act in the Name of Jesus Christ for justice and mercy, just as You have shown toward all.** Remind us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. **We pray this together in Jesus’ Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of Pardon  
Response

**I Love You Lord 2X**

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Scripture Readings Malachi 4:1-2 875  
Luke 21:5-19 959  
\*2 Thessalonians 3:6-12 1079

Honoring Our Veterans

Time for Children

\*Hymn God of Our Fathers 532

Sermon “*Ungodly Idleness*” 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  
Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn Aberystwyth *Welsh Hymnal*, 17

\*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:	\$95,704.92
Rec’d 11-06-2022:	\$1,573.50	Rec’d to Date:	\$101,360.40

**Sunday:** 11-13-2022 Honor Veterans today  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Kim Coil*)  
 Thank Offering  
 2023 Budget and nomination information will be available

**Tuesday:** 11-8-2022  
 7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.  
 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (meet at Pamela's house in Van Wert)

**Thursday:** 11-10-2022  
 Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** at Van Wert First United Methodist Church.

**Sunday:** 11-20-2022  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Liz Hobbs*)  
**Congregational Meeting** to approve the Budget and the Officers  
 7:00 PM **Thanksgiving Eve Service** at the First United Methodist Church Sunday

**Announcements:**

Van Wert County is having an informal county-wide **Thanksgiving Eve Service** at the First United Methodist Church Sunday evening **November 20, at 7 PM**. All churches are invited.

The next **Senior Luncheon** event is Wednesday, December 7, at noon at the Lions Club.

If you would like to **donate \$5 to decorate the church with poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd by December 5.

**Christmas Gravy Packets** are being collected for the Salvation Army this year. Our goal this year is 500 packages, and the due date is **December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

18<sup>th</sup> Boone Finn                      29<sup>th</sup> Kathy McCollow                      30<sup>th</sup> Mike Breese



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Eddie Basham (back surgery)  
Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jeff Coil (open heart surgery)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Kathy Comer  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)  
    LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
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**POINT TWO** – In addition to being essential for our physical well-being, work is also vital to our mental and emotional good.

**POINT THREE** – Work is meaningful when we see ourselves as part of God’s unfolding plan.

### **THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

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### **ACTION POINT**

Each of us has a place in God’s plan for the world. The farmer offers food, the teacher helps educate young minds, the soldier protects lives, the doctor heals lives, the scientist unlocks the mysteries of the universe, and the venter sells nice things to improve the quality of life. We are co-creators with God. We have a privilege that goes beyond mere survival. We are partners with our Creator in the care of Earth’s resources and in the supplying of the needs of God’s children. When we know that our lives and our work have worth, we can become thankful for the occasion to do our part. Rejoice that our work has meaning and purpose in God’s plan of things and give glory to God.

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