

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 1, 2023, 1st Sunday of Christmas

Guest Pastor: Harry Tolhurst Pianist: Cindy Bowsher
 Flowers are given in honor of Lee and Marcile Lare by their family



Prelude & Lighting the Candles
 Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 98 540

*Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God 164

Prayer of Confession: Holy God, hear our prayer: **For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness**; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; **For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist**; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; **We pray for the courage to admit our fault**, The strength to amend our actions, **And the hope that your grace awaits us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(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 679
 Isa. 63:7-9 878
 Matt. 2:13-23 1090
 Heb. 2:10-18

*Hymn: Love Lifted Me 441

Sermon "2 Peter 1:2-11" Pastor Harry Tolhurst

***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 for the Offertory
 *Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Standing on the Promises 175

*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: \$2,126.78 Needed to Date: \$110,592.35
 Rec'd 12-25-22: \$1,232.50 Rec'd to Date: \$113,607.40

Sunday: 1-1-2023
 9:30 AM Worship with guest speaker Harry Tolhurst
(nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins).

Tuesday: 1-2-2023
 7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 1-4-2023
 Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting**

Sunday: 1-8-2023
 9:30 AM Worship *(nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price).*
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Confirmation Class** will begin on Sunday, January 8, and finishing with an Easter Sunday induction. We will also begin a **New Member Class** for those interested in joining Salem as adults.

The **2023 Offering Envelope Boxes** can be found on the white table in the Prayer Room. Please sign your name beside the box number you take for the new year.

Feel free to **take home a Poinsettia**, there are extras in the prayer room.

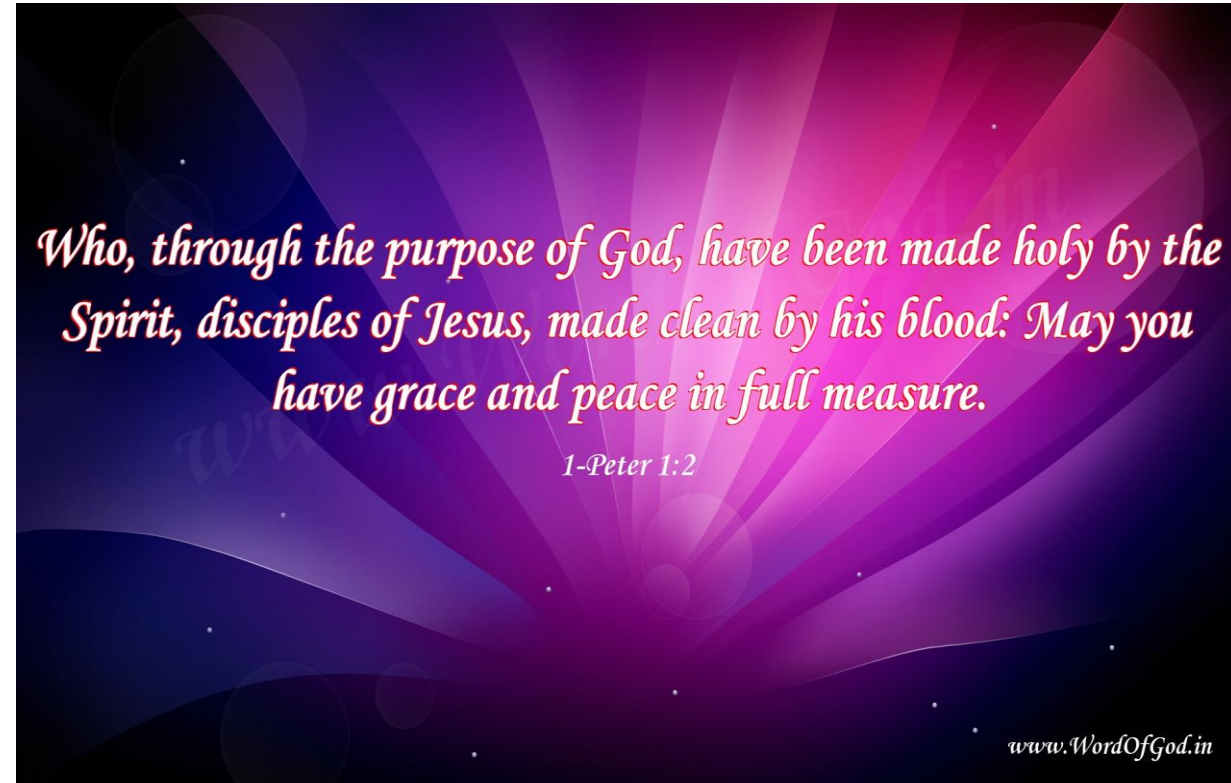
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the February newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

2 nd Chris Beck	3 rd Emily Blackmore	5 th Karen Pugh
6 th Jim Lloyd	7 th Nell Jean Wienken	7 th Loretta Williams

Upcoming Anniversaries:

9th Michael & Lindsay Breese



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Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Jeff Coil (open heart surgery)
Lynn Collins (cancer)
Kathy Comer
Irene Cooper (In a coma after a fall)
Cindy Davis
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)
Jane Harter
Jerry Holscher
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Ann King (cancer)
Becky Lee (Carpal tunnel surgery)
John Lloyd
Steve Martz
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Wayne McMichael
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Todd Morris (heart surgery)
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Tori Wells (serious spine injury)
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country

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