

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Cindy Bowsher

Flowers are given in honor of Lee and Marcile Lare by their family



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 29 494

\*Hymn The Church's One Foundation 186

Prayer of Confession: Lord, You call us to service; to be Your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, Your world, but we fall short. **Forgive us. Open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which You create, but the injustice, hate and suffering that humankind regrettably generates.** Open our ears not only to the chattering of this coming week, but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet. **Open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share, but in welcome, love and fellowship to all who You draw near.** Finally, open our mouths not only to speak simple words, but the truths You lay upon our hearts to lead people to salvation. **We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response

**I Love You Lord**

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\*Hymn Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 204

Sermon "Jesus, the Light to the Nations" 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

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\*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:	\$2,179.63	Needed to Date:	\$2,179.63
Rec'd 01-01-2023:	\$1,050.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$1,050.00

**Sunday:** 1-8-2023  
 9:30 AM Worship (*Nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*).  
 10:45 AM Confirmation Class  
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 1-10-2023  
 7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.  
 7:00 PM **Women's Bible Study** in the Salem downstairs.

**Thursday:** 1-12-2023  
 Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** at Trinity Friends.

**Sunday:** 1-15-2023  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery Bob & Kathy McCollow*).  
 10:45 AM Confirmation Class  
 1:00 PM Session Meeting.

**Announcements:**

The **Confirmation Class** will begin today after the Service and will finish with an Easter Sunday induction. A **New Member Class** will begin for those interested in joining Salem as adults.

A **Music Committee Meeting** will be held on January 19, at 6:30 PM.

The **Installation and Ordination of Officers** is on January 22.

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.

Be sure to sign up for the **2023 Flower Chart** on the back bulletin Board.

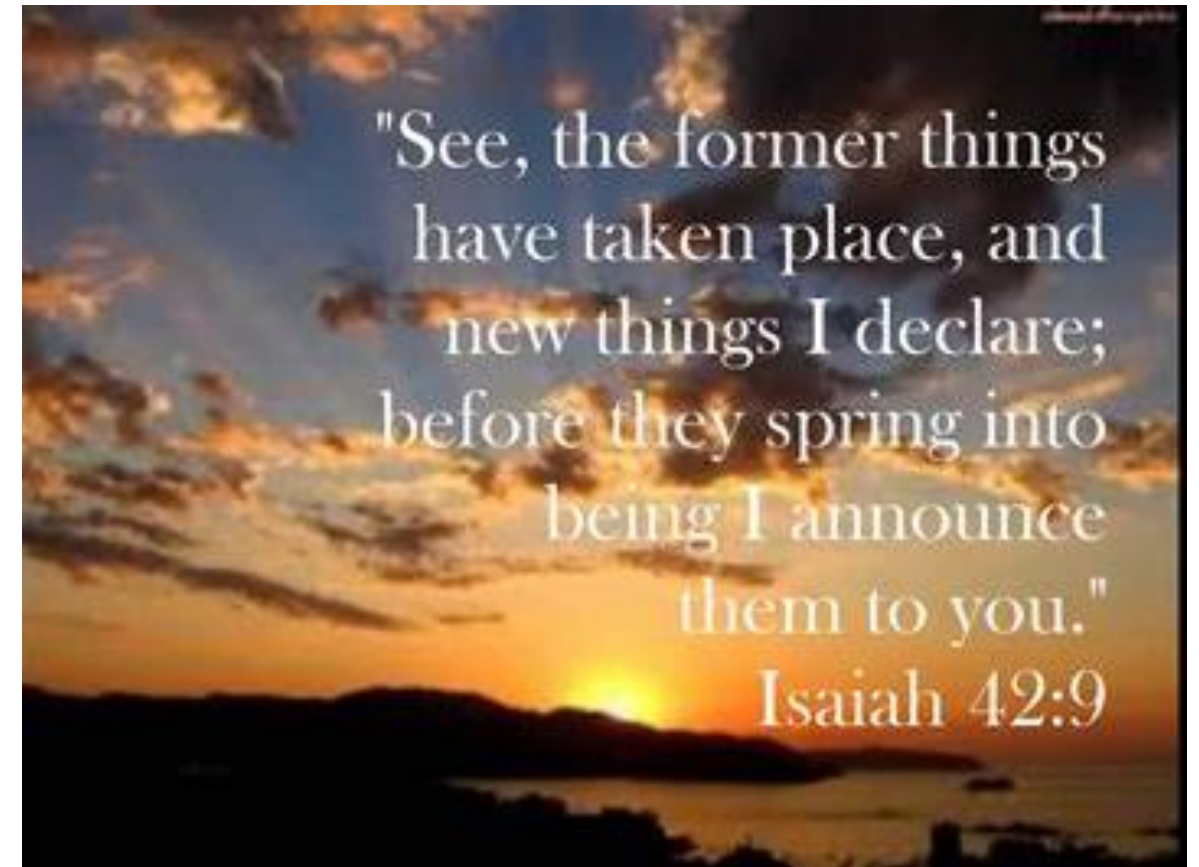
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the February newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

10 <sup>th</sup> Dominic Adkins	11 <sup>th</sup> Chelsey Lloyd	11 <sup>th</sup> Ashlyn Price
12 <sup>th</sup> Christina Youngpeter	16 <sup>th</sup> Rob Breese	16 <sup>th</sup> Liz Hobbs
19 <sup>th</sup> Wrettic Breese		

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**

9<sup>th</sup> Michael & Lindsay Breese



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Edie 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  
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  
Mandolin Jones (cancer)  
Ann King (cancer)  
Becky Lee (Carpal tunnel surgery)  
John Lloyd  
Steve Martz  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Wayne McMichael  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Todd Morris (heart surgery)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Tori Wells (serious spine injury)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

**Serving Our Country**

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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *God’s prophecies are 100% accurate.*

**POINT TWO** – *Jesus is the light to the nations.*

**POINT THREE** – *God’s love for us is expressed by becoming one with us.*

#### **THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

*He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged (Isaiah 42:3 NLT).*

#### **ACTION POINT**

We see here that Yahweh has let things run their course, and when He does act, His prophecies turn out to be 100% accurate. He is ready now to take action on behalf of His people, and nothing can stop Him. He is like a woman in labor who must give birth. Yahweh will build His kingdom while judging the nations and demolishing false gods. He asks that you repent and turn to His Son if you want a relationship with Him; His Son, Jesus, is our only hope in this time of coming judgment by God. Why not now turn to Him?

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