

# Salem Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Cindy Bowsher

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



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 27:1,4-9 493

\*Hymn In the Garden 264

Prayer of Confession: God, our Light and Salvation, forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness, stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering. **You have called us to follow You and to fish for people, but too often we think that *our way is the only way to do Your will.*** Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves. **Hear our cry as we come to You for unity.** Send Your Spirit to gather us as You desire us. **Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.** Teach us that the “same mind” You call us to have is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ, **in whose Name we pray.** *(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 Be Thou My Vision 334

Sermon “Come Into His Light” 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 How Great Thou Art! 37

\*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: \$6,538.89  
Rec’d 01-15-23: \$3,191.00 Rec’d to Date: \$5,796.00

**Sunday:** 1-22-2023  
 9:30 AM Worship (*Nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)  
 Installation and Ordination of Officers  
 10:45 AM Confirmation Class

**Tuesday:** 1-24-2023  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study is in the basement at Salem

**Thursday:** 1-26-2023  
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at Trinity Friends.

**Sunday:** 1-29-2023  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)  
 Congregational Meeting to approve the annual reports  
 10:45 AM Confirmation Class

**Announcements:**

The **Installation and Ordination of Officers** is today. The **Confirmation Class** meets after the Service. A **Congregational Meeting** to approve the **Annual Report** takes place next week.

**Souper Bowl of caring** will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring canned goods

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:**

28 <sup>th</sup> Scott Fair	30 <sup>th</sup> Doris Price	30 <sup>th</sup> John Smith
31 <sup>st</sup> Carrie Jones	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> John Lloyd	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lindsay Breese
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jerry Holscher	3 <sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Holscher	4 <sup>th</sup> Andrew Emery



*ISAIAH 9:1-7*

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Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jeff Coil (open heart surgery)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Cindy Davis  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)  
    LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry Holscher  
Mandolin Jones (cancer)  
John Lloyd  
Steve Martz  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Wayne McMichael  
David Morris (Zeb)  
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Evelyn Schwartz  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Tori Wells (serious spine injury)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *Isaiah is telling us that God did not make us for darkness.*

**POINT TWO** – *The Remedy for Darkness Is God’s Light.*

**POINT THREE** – *The Good News Is That There is Life-Changing, Redemptive Power Found in a New King Born into This World.*

#### **THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

*The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine (Isaiah 9:2 NLT).*

#### **ACTION POINT**

Here is the promise of God, a promise set in motion two thousand years ago. It is a hope that will be brought to fulfillment someday when we least expect it. Jesus, the Messiah, has come to bring light to a dark world. God has planted the seeds of His Kingdom in you and me. He has chosen believers from every tribe and every nation. Someday, Jesus will come again to establish that Kingdom eternally, and on that day, there will be no more darkness, because we will be in the presence of the Light of the World. “The people walking in darkness have seen a great Light. Those living in the land of the shadow of death will realize that a Light has dawned” (9:2). We are people of the Light if we have repented of our wrongs and made Christ Lord of our life. Everywhere we go in this world, we carry the essence of Jesus with us. It is our responsibility. It is our joy. So, go share the Good News that the Light of the World has come.

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