

Salem Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday, February 19, 2023

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Beth Conn

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship:

Psalm 99

540

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

70

Prayer of Confession: Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance, **we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.** While we want a world of justice and peace, **we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's loving-kindness.** Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain, **we cower in fear, in darkness, unable to bear the light of God. Forgive us our sins. This we pray 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

Prayers of the People

Time for Children

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

69

Matthew 17:1-9

894

2 Peter 1:16-21

1107

*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

54

Sermon

"Mountaintop Covenant Freedom" Rev. Thomas Emery

- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper -

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

Offertory Dedication Prayer

*Response

Praise God

Inside Front Cover

*Hymn

Deemster

Welsh Hymnal, 29

*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: \$15,257.42

Rec'd 02-12-23: \$1,619.00

Rec'd to Date: \$25,588.00

Sunday: 02-19-2023
 9:30 AM Worship (*Nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)
 Communion
 10:45 AM Confirmation Class
 1:00 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 02-21-2023
 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: 02-23-2023
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Apostolic Church at 1017 S. Shannon in Van Wert.

Sunday: 02-26-2023
 9:30 AM Worship (*Nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
 10:45 AM Confirmation Class

Announcements

The Confirmation Class meets today.

There will be an informal **Ash Wednesday service** at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 22.

Congratulations to Jason & Danielle Lloyd on the **birth of Gabrielle Ellen Lloyd** on February 15th. She was 19.25 inches long and weighed 6 lb 8 oz.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

19 th Corey Hobbs	21 st Paul Price	24 th Tim Price
25 th Bill McGee	27 Kevin Fair	

Upcoming Anniversaries:

22nd Dave & Ann Rees



Matthew 17 - The Transfiguration

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Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Lynn Collins (cancer)
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Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
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TEACHING POINTS

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POINT TWO – *The Christian faith is built on the foundation of the law and the prophets but their witness is not enough.*

POINT THREE – *When we open ourselves to God’s love, our response is obedience.*

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