

# Salem Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Cindy Bowsher

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Kathy McColow



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 95 539

Third week of Lent Devotional skit

\*Hymn The Solid Rock 272

Prayer of Confession: Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to You this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. **When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt.** We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in You. **We challenge instead of accept.** We put You to the test rather than trust Your caring love. **Forgive our doubts and complaining.** Forgive our loss of hope. **Let Your healing, life-giving waters pour over us.** Restore our souls. **In Christ we pray. Amen.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession while holding our lives up the example to of Christ).*

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**

Time for Children

Scripture Readings John 4:5-42 969  
Romans 5:1-11 1027

\*Hymn Be Thou My Vision 334

Scripture Readings \*Exodus 17:1-7 63

Sermon **"The Lord Provides"** 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  
\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn Diadem *Welsh Hymnal, 13*

\*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:	\$21,796.31
Rec'd 03-05-23:	\$3,255.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$31,468.00

**Sunday:** **03-12-2023 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)  
10:45 AM Confirmation Class  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** **03-14-2023**  
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study is in the downstairs at Salem

**Thursday:** **03-16-2023**  
Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Pentecostal  
Way Church at 1213 Leeson Avenue, in Van Wert.

**Sunday:** **03-19-2023 4th Sunday in Lent**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with* )  
10:45 AM Confirmation Class  
1:00 PM Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

St. John the Baptist Church (in Landeck) has a **homemade soup and sandwich** freewill offering meal today, 3:30 to 7 PM.

Saturday, March 18, the Venedocia Lions is hosting a free will offering "**All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**" either eat-in or carry-out from 6 AM – 1 PM.

The church will be **collecting offerings** from the heart to be given to the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we are collecting a different food. The food for March is pork & beans.

The order of service on **Easter Sunday**, April 9, is 8 AM. breakfast, 9:00 AM Flowering of the Cross, and 9:30 AM worship service

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

14 <sup>th</sup> Larry Caffro	14 <sup>th</sup> Elijah Martz	16 <sup>th</sup> Tom Emery
19 <sup>th</sup> Pamela Beamer	20 <sup>th</sup> Johnathon Morris	20 <sup>th</sup> Brian Owens
22 <sup>nd</sup> Toby Adkins	23 <sup>rd</sup> Josh Hoehn	



**Exodus 17:1-7**

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Cindy (Davis) Barnes  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)  
    LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Diana Glass (cancer)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry Holscher  
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### TEACHING POINTS

**POINT ONE** – *We need to lift our eyes from “this world” to the spiritual realm.*

**POINT TWO** – *Realize that we can have too high of expectations.*

**POINT THREE** – *Our Lord is always with us.*

### THIS WEEK’S VERSE

*I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink.” So Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on (Exodus 17:3 NLT).*

### ACTION POINT

Israel is traveling in this story, as this day, the church is proceeding. Israel’s story is our story. There in the desert, it made for an inconsistent scene: a multitude of people who had been freed, led, and fed by God, wondering aloud whether God was there or not. Israel was rescued from slavery in Egypt. Likewise, we have been redeemed by the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ out of our slavery to sin and death. You and I, like Israel, are making our way through the wilderness toward a promised land of rest. We are midway between our redemption and our final salvation in the Kingdom of God. During Lent, prayerfully hold firm in your faith in the hope of the coming Kingdom of God. The Lord is among us!

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