

Salem Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Cindy Bowsher

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



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 23 491

Fourth week of Lent Devotional skit

*Hymn Standing on the Promises 175

Prayer of Confession: God of light, forgive us. We are a people blinded by appearances. **We glance at the surface. We look at the obvious.** We do not want to peer into the depths or worry over complexities. **In Your mercy, grant us eyes to look on the heart.** God of truth, forgive us. We are a people obsessed with appearances. **We want to look good. We want to seem righteous.** In trying to keep up appearances we often ignore the substance of our lives. **In Your mercy, reveal and transform our hearts. 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 **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People
Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music *Deep River* Dave Lusk

Scripture Readings Eph. 5:8-14 1067
John 9:1-41 976

*Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See 163

Scripture Readings *1 Samuel 16:1-13 257

Saxophone *O Happy Day* Dave Lusk

Sermon "God Looks at Inner Qualities" 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 Groeswen *Welsh Hymnal, 42*

*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: \$23,975.94
Rec'd 03-12-23: \$2,790.00 Rec'd to Date: \$34,258.00

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

Tuesday: **03-21-2023**
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study is in the downstairs at Salem

Wednesday: **03-22-2023**
 Noon Senior Luncheon meal at the Lions Club.

Thursday: **03-23-2023**
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Pentecostal Way Church at 1213 Leeson Avenue, in Van Wert.

Sunday: **03-26-2023 5th Sunday in Lent**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)
 10:45 AM Confirmation Class

Announcements:

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.

Van Wert County is having a Maudy Thursday Passover Sadir Meal led by Jews for Jesus on April 6. The event is free, but you need to reserve tickets at trinityfriendschurch.com.

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.

Upcoming Birthdays

19 th Pamela Beamer	20 th Johnathon Morris	20 th Brian Owens
22 nd Toby Adkins	23 rd Josh Hoehn	29 th Bianca Richards



Genesis 12:1-4a

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