

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

The flowers given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd

The lilies are given by Bill Arnold in memory of his wife Jane (Lloyd) Arnold and his in-laws Rev. Ellis Lloyd and his wife Betty



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Palm Sunday Devotional skit

Call to Worship Psalm 31:9-16 495

Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Palms waved) 107

Prayer of Confession: God of covenants, old and new, carved in stone and written in hearts, we confess that we have broken our agreements with You as with others. **We need Your forgiveness for our wrongdoing.** We avoid learning, because it often entails suffering. **To avoid suffering, we seek the way of ease, forgetting that even Jesus learned by the things that He suffered.** Forgive us our sins and continue Your patience with us. **We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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**

Scripture Readings Isaiah 50:4-9a 667

Philippians 2:5-11 1069

Special Music *Palm Sunday Majesty* Palm Sunday Bells

Time for Children

Confirmation Class joins Salem Church

*\*Children move to front rows to watch.*

\*Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor 108

Sermon "The Obedient Servant" 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

\*Hymn The Old Rugged Cross 113

\*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: \$28,335.20

Rec'd 03-26-2023: \$1,262.00 Rec'd to Date: \$36,718.00

**Sunday:** 04-02-2023 Palm Sunday  
 9:30 AM  
 Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)  
 Confirmation Class Installation  
 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

**Tuesday:** 04-04-2023  
 7:30 AM  
 7:00 PM  
 Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria  
 Women's Bible Study is in the downstairs at Salem

**Thursday:** 04-06-2023  
 Noon  
 Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Pentecostal Way Church at 1213 Leeson Avenue, in Van Wert.

**Sunday:** 04-09-2023 Easter Sunday  
 8:00 AM  
 9:00 AM  
 9:30 AM  
 5:00 PM  
 Breakfast  
 Flowering of the Cross  
 Worship (*nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price*)  
 Trustee Meeting

**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 April

is ramen noodles.

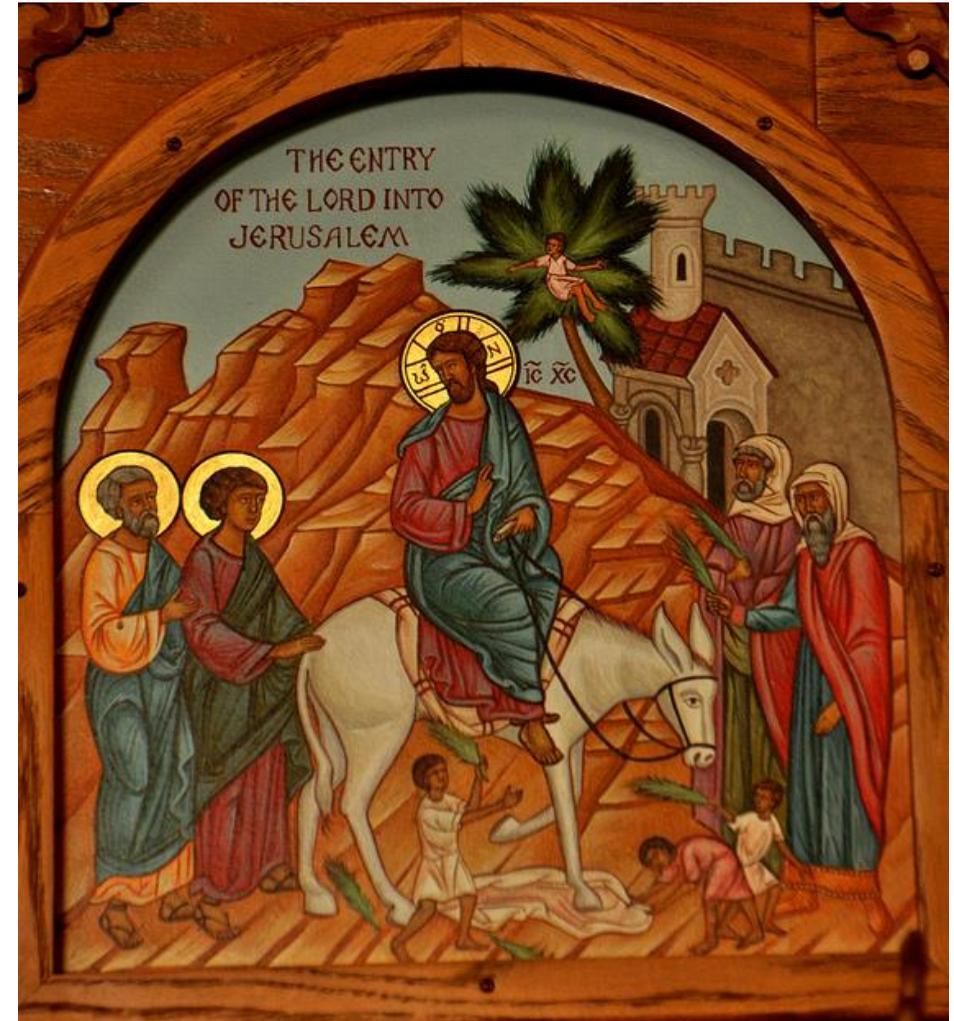
**Cindy Barnes** is recovering from a liver transplant. Send cards to Cindy Barnes, Room 7E 72 Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center, 730 W. Market St, OH 45801.

Van Wert County is having a "**Maundy Thursday**" Passover Seder Meal led by Jews for Jesus on April 6. The event is free, but you need to reserve tickets at [trinityfriendschurch.com](http://trinityfriendschurch.com). A countywide **Good Friday meal** on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7-8 AM is at the Willow Bend Country Club; tickets are \$10 available at the YMCA front desk (419.238.0443).

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc). The paper copies are on the back table and the electronic copies are on the SalemChurch.cc website for the church.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Lyndi Forsythe	6 <sup>th</sup> Carol Emery	8 <sup>th</sup> Andy Breese
8 <sup>th</sup> Piper Finn	12 <sup>th</sup> MaKenna Kimmet	13 <sup>th</sup> Sami Jones



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
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  
Mandolin Jones (cancer)  
Tony Kahle (leg amputation)  
Jim Lloyd (knee surgery)  
John Lloyd  
Steve Martz  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Wayne McMichael  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Jarrod Rigdon  
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 – The obedient servant has confidence.*

*Point Two – The obedient servant listens.*

*Point Three – The obedient servant would die for others.*

*Point Four - The obedient servant has already been judged and found guiltless and fully acquitted by God.*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

*<sup>4</sup>The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. <sup>5</sup>The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back (Isaiah 50:4-5).*

**ACTION POINT**

The response to the ministry of this servant may be the choice of faith, or the choice of further rebellion against God. If people insist on walking by their light, the judgment of God will overtake them, and there will be no escape. The prophet is saying here that the important thing is to cultivate a close personal relationship with God in Christ, to listen so carefully that God awakens you to hear. There is something inside you that is tuned into God, or if it’s not, with some practice, it can be. This Easter Lent season, why not truly make Jesus your Lord and Savior?

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