

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 4th, 2023, Trinity Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Lexie Greer
 The flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of Lee Lare



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 8 482

*Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth 54

Prayer of Confession: Holy and merciful God, in perfection You created the earth, fixed the course of the sun and seasons, and populated the earth with plants, fish, birds, and animals to live in an intricate, balanced web of life. **You created us in Your image and gave us the responsibility to care for the world.** We confess that we have failed to live up to our responsibilities. **Our lust for comfort and money has polluted the earth.** For these sins of commission and omission, we are sorry. **We pray for Your forgiveness and beg that You would create a right heart and mind within us,** that we may consume according to our need, and we may begin to heal Your creation from human injury. **Forgive us, in Jesus' Name we pray. 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

Baptisms of the Morris family: Samantha Morris, Breck Nicole Morris, and Brezlynn Mae Morris

Scripture Readings *Genesis 1:1-2:4a 1
Matthew 28:16-20 909
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 1059

Time for Children

*Hymn: This is My Father's World 39

Sermon: "The Beginning of God's Relationship" 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.

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

*Apostle's Creed: see insert

Offertory Prayer
*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 38

*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:	\$47,951.88
Rec'd 05-28-23:	\$3,851.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$56,110.00

Sunday: 9:30 AM **06-04-2023 Trinity Sunday**
Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)
Baptisms and Communion

Tuesday: 7:30 AM **06-06-2023**
Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study is downstairs at Salem Church (This is the last meeting for the summer)

Thursday **06-08-2023**
Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting at the Liberty Baptist Church 501 E 3rd St., Van Wert. All invited to pray with county churches.

Sunday: 9:30 AM **06-11-2023 2nd Sunday After Pentecost**
10:45 AM Worship (*nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price*)
5:00 PM Session Meeting
Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Today, we will have **Baptisms** of Samantha Michelle Morris, Breck Nicole Morris, and Brezlynn Mae Morris as well as **Communion**.

On June 11, **Session** will meet at 10:45 AM and the **Trustees** at 5 PM.

The **Ice Cream Social** will take place on Friday, June 16, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Please sign up for volunteer positions and for food donations.

There is a **grad party for Keaton Adkins** on June 24 from 3 to 7 PM. The Venedocia church is invited, and it is at his home: 15584 Ohio City-Venedocia Road, Venedocia RSVP 419.236.5367

Salem is 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 collect different food. The food for June is hamburger helper boxed meals.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the next **Newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

4 th Chad Pugh	6 th Cassy YeboahManety	7 th Breck & Brezlynn Morris
8 th Tammy (Lloyd) Wells	10 th Dillon Ellerbrock	11 th Doris Evans

Upcoming Anniversaries

14 th Jeff & Kim Coil	17 th Bill & Elgarda McGee	22 nd Todd & Jayne Morris
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Edie Basham (back surgery)
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)
Dave Burnett (heart issues)
Lynn Collins (cancer)
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
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Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – God created us for a personal relationship.

Point Two – We were made in the image of God.

Point Three – God put us in charge of His creation.

Point Four – We are only fulfilled with God.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground” (Genesis 1:26 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The core lesson of the beginning of Genesis is that there is a hole in your soul that can only be filled with a close relationship with our Creator. The reason God, in Christ, came to earth, lived, died as a man, and was raised from the dead was to fill that hole with divine grace and forgiveness and love. You must understand not only that you were created, but why you were created. Then, you will understand that the Creator God wants to personally relate to you both now and forever. With that relationship, life will really begin to have meaning and purpose. Why not talk with God right now and begin a close relationship!

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