

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, Sept 3rd, 2023, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 149 571

\*Hymn: Rachie Welsh hymnal, 1 or  
Pen Y Bryn Welsh hymnal, 46

Prayer of Confession: The Pharaoh decreed death to the Hebrew foreigners. **The all-powerful God heard our cries and offered to commune with us if we humbled ourselves and came to Him on His terms.** In the face of evil, forgive us our complacency. **The love of God constantly attracts us.** The ongoing presence and grace of God invites us. **In the manifestation of the holy, forgive us our lack of notice.** The Red Sea waters stand at attention. **The threshold of grace is breath-taking.** Forgive us our reluctance to fully embrace You. **Your love for us is amazing. We pray in the Name of 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**

Time for Children

Scripture Readings Matthew 18:15-20 895  
Romans 13:8-14 1034  
\*Exodus 12:1-14 57

Special Music Ben Williams

Hymn: Aberysthwth Welsh hymnal, 17

Sermon: "The First Passover" 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 of Dedication  
\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn: Cwm Rhondda Welsh hymnal, 40 or  
Bryn Calfaria Welsh hymnal, 3

\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction  
\*Congregational Response **God Be with You** Welsh hymnal, 117

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.



### Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,179.63	Needed to Date:	\$76,287.08
Rec'd 2023-09-03:	\$2,120.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$86,693.90

**Sunday:** 2023- 09-03  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)  
 4:30-6 PM Light Supper (free-will donation)  
 7:00 PM Gymanfa Ganu

**Tuesday:** 2023- 09-05  
 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study at Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria

**Thursday** 2023- 09-07  
 12:00 PM **Van Wert County prayer meeting** is at the Church on the Horizon in Van Wert.

**Sunday:** 2023-09-10  
 9:30 AM Worship with guest speaker John Zerbe  
 (nursery with *Steve & Lindsay Richards*)  
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The Interment for **George Siler** will be held today at 11 AM at the Venedocia cemetery. The **Women's Bible Study** will begin again, Tuesday, September 12 at 7 PM. The **Drive Your Tractor to Church** will be on Sunday, September 17, and there will be an informal potluck meal served following the service.

You're invited to a **Celebration of Life**. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PJ Burnett and Marilyn Foust kidney transplant. It will be at the Venedocia Lion's Club from 1 to 4 PM on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in a **bus trip to the Ark Encounter** on September 27, contact the Council on Aging at 419-238-5011. Price is \$135 (or \$139 if using a credit card) and they will need 40 travelers to do the trip. Additional details are listed on a paper by the front door of the church.

The **Legacy Grandparenting Summit – 2023** is at the Trinity Friends Church, October 19-20. Please register as soon as possible as there are exceptional national speakers: [LegacyCoalition.com/summit](http://LegacyCoalition.com/summit)

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. The food for September is canned fruit.

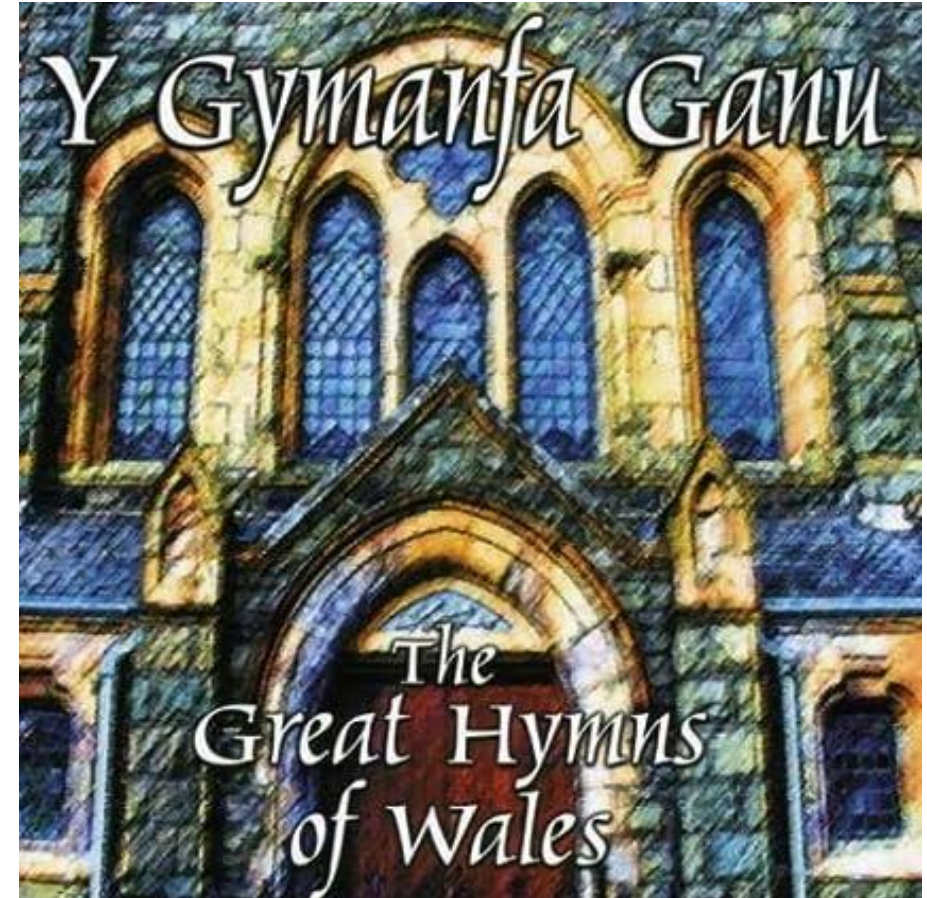
We are updating the Prayer List; please inform Liz, we need your input.

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Pete McCollow	4 <sup>th</sup> Claudia LeValley	4 <sup>th</sup> Katie McClure
11 <sup>th</sup> Landon Price	12 <sup>th</sup> Jackson Dunlap	

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**

8 <sup>th</sup> Paul & Doris Price	11 <sup>th</sup> Jeremy & Samantha Morris	15 <sup>th</sup> Bob & Denise Pugh
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**Gymanfa Ganu  
 Welsh Singing Festival**

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Josh Archinal (car accident-critical condition)  
Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Scott Basham (Bypass surgery)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)  
    LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)  
Dave Espinoza (lung transplant)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Ellen Friesner  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Greg Glander  
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Jerry Holscher  
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John Lloyd  
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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Wayne McMichael  
David Morris (Zeb)  
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Ann Rees (ICU brain swelling) & Dave Rees  
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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

*First. The Innocent Lamb is the payment for our wrongs.*

*Second. We all have a Common Hunger for God.*

*Third. We are to celebrate with remembrance the redeeming acts of God.*

#### **THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE**

*<sup>13</sup> But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt (Exodus 12:13 NLT).*

#### **ACTION POINT**

By their faithful obedience, the Hebrews were delivered from the angel of death who killed all the first born in Egypt. It was most important for the Hebrews to be compliant to God in all the required details. The Hebrews’ deliverance was on the line. Likewise, we should be obedient to the Word of God for our disobedience leads to death and our obedience leads to eternal life. We should be submissive to the commands of God and do exactly as God tells us. God has given us Jesus, the Lamb of God crucified, as a sign of divine protection. Let us, therefore, give God a quality life so that the blessing received will not be in vain. Christ saved us so that others might hear the Gospel and share in the salvation plan of God.

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