

Salem Presbyterian Church

All Saints Day, Sun., Nov. 5th, 2023, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery
Pianist: Joyce Morris
The flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 548

*Hymn: Bringing in the Sheaves 420

Prayer of Confession: Lead us home, O God, when we wander lost in a wildernesses of our own making. **Like errant children, we stray from the safety of our heavenly parent.** We hear Your voice calling, but go our own way. **We remember Your teachings, but instead follow the foolish desires and whims of our hearts.** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us home, where we will follow Your paths, and do the work You have for us. **We pray in the Name of the Lord 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**

Special Music Jr Bell Choir

Time for Children

Scripture Readings Matthew 23:1-12 901
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 1075

*Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 334

* Scripture Reading Joshua 3:7-17 193

Sermon: "Wet Feet" 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: Aberystwyth *Welsh hymnal, 17*

2023 Naming of the Saints: Mary Ellen Lloyd, George Siler, Charles Profit, Joe Lemming, Kathy Comer, Jeanette Walls, Jim Overholt, Gary Adams, Diane Black, John Stutz, Phil Linton, Betty Sidel, Bartie Jones, Jim Francis, Deb Fair, Scott Myers, Lain Patterson, Matthew Hemker, Janice Osburn,

*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:	\$95,903.75
Rec'd 2023-10-29:	\$3,495.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$108,030.90

Sunday: 2023-11-05
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
10:45 AM Joint Session Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 2023-11-07
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 2023-11-09
Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting is at the Pentecostal Way Church on 1213 Leeson Street.

Sunday: 2023-11-12
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)

Announcements:

The **Landeck St John Church dinner** will be held today from 3:00-6:30 p.m. They are offering sausage & homemade sauerkraut or pancakes & sausage along with mashed potatoes, applesauce, & pie

The **Van Wert Community Thanksgiving Service** is at 6 PM, November 19th, at the Trinity Friends Church located at 605 N. Franklin Street.

Please **sign the veteran's cards** on the table in the vestibule. The cards are for our Active military family.

If you would like to **donate \$5 to decorate the church with poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd by December 5.

The next **Senior Luncheon** will be held on December 6, at noon. All are welcome.

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 November item is gravy packets and noodles.

The **Shoebbox Project** - For the last 30 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts, and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. There are pamphlets and shoeboxes in the prayer room. Collection day is next Sunday, **November 12**.

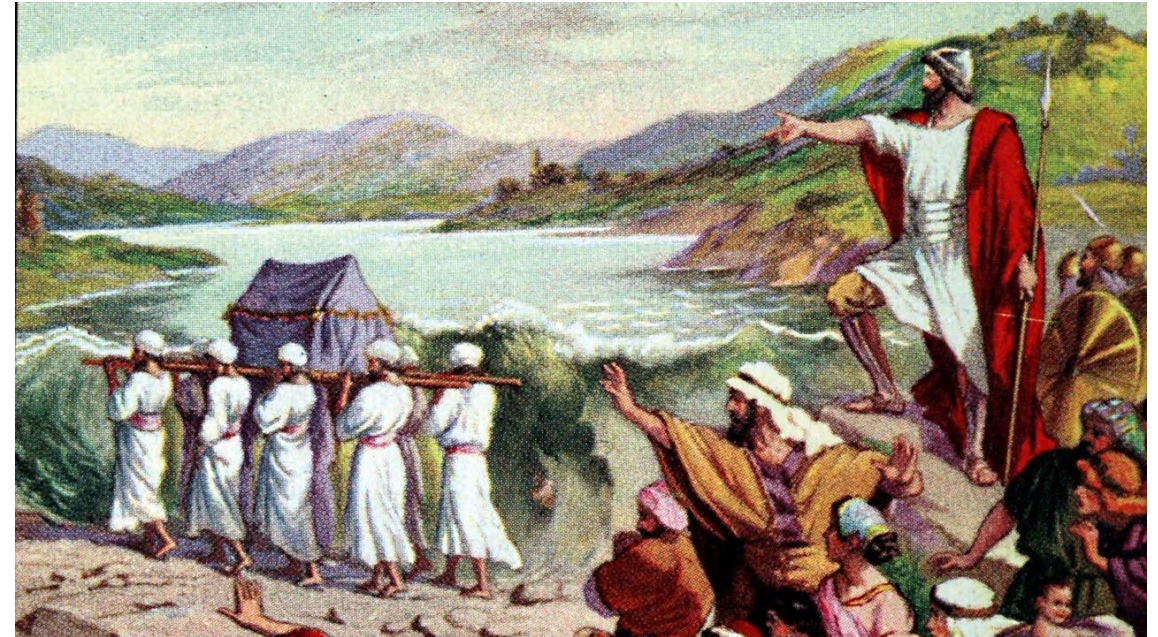
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **December Newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

5th Carla Breese
11th Sarah Kimmet

5th Missy Zielke
12th Catie Emery

10th Lucas Mullenhour
18th Bone Finn



Joshua 3:7-17 Crossing the Jordan River

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Serving Our Country:

Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marines)
Butch Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Corbin Evans
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Madison Pugh (U.S. Coast Guard)

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To the families of Michelle Miller & Linda Miller

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TEACHING POINTS

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Second. The first step is the hardest.

Third. The Lord is the true leader.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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