

# Salem Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, June 2, 2024, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Beth Conn



Prelude  
Lighting the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 138 565

\*Hymn: He Lives 132

Prayer of Confession: We want to praise Your Holy Name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us - from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. **We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth.** We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. **We confess our imperfection.** Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. **Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord. 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 \*1 Samuel 8:1-20 248  
Mark 3:20-35 912  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 1053

Time for Children

Hymn: All Hail the Power 42

Sermon: "Jesus the King" 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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering  
of our tithes and offerings  
**\*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover**

\*Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth 134

\*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:	\$2,298.10	Needed to Date:	\$48,260.12
Rec' 2024-05-26:	\$2,080.00	Rec' to Date:	\$52,607.25

**Sunday:** 2024-06-02  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Liz Hobbs & Kim Coil*)

**Tuesday:** 2024-06-04  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant

**Thursday:** 2024-06-06  
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at First United Brethren Church.

**Sunday:** 2024-06-09  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)  
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

On Tuesdays, the **Men's Bible Study** meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in Van Wert at 7:30 AM; **Women's Bible Study** is recessing for the summer.

The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets on Thursdays at noon at the Trinity Friends Church during June.

Beginning today, we will recognize Salem Graduates, and they are quite busy with jobs starting, travels, and other responsibilities. This Sunday, we will honor Evan Pugh.

The Ice Cream Social is on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lions Club.

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart for 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 Raman noodles.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Barb Owens	4 <sup>th</sup> Chad Pugh	6 <sup>th</sup> Cassy Yeboah Mantey
7 <sup>th</sup> Breck Morris	7 <sup>th</sup> Brezlynn Morris	8 <sup>th</sup> Tammy Wells
10 <sup>th</sup> Dillon Ellerbrock	11 <sup>th</sup> Doris Evans	13 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Price

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

14 <sup>th</sup> Jeff & Kim Coil	17 <sup>th</sup> Bill & Elgarda McGee	22 <sup>nd</sup> Todd & Jayne Morris
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**1 Samuel 1-20 – Jesus the King**

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Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Tim (Alfie) Burnett (recovering from a car accident)  
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)  
Kim Coil (foot surgery)  
Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Ellen Friesner  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher  
Jim Lloyd (foot issues)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)  
Kristy Ringwald (adenoid cystic carcinoma)  
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Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

*First. God allows free will.*

*Second. Israel no longer trusted God to defend them.*

*Third. God never gives up on us even though we insist on doing things our way.*

*Four. All other kings take, but God asks.*

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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### ACTION POINT

Looking at this story through the whole sweep of human history, we see things haven't changed much. But the good news is that God is always there to help us pick up the pieces no matter what we do. God did something radical — God gave us a new king, a King for all time. Who is this King? It is the one we call the Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, the one who picks us up when all we seem to be is down, and because of Him, we have the blessed assurance that God will always be with us. That's why we should always trust in God, for God will never give up on us! Amen.

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