

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 23, 2024, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn: Have Thy Own Way, Lord 388

Call to Worship Psalm 130 562

Prayer of Confession: Out of the depths of despair, we cry to You, O God. **We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.** When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. **When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs.** When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. **Come to us, O God; forgive our doubts and fears.** Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in Your steadfast love. **We ask these things in Jesus' Name.** *(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 *2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 272
Mark 5:21-43 915
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 1055

Time for Children

Hymn: I Surrender All 394

Sermon: "Falling into the Hands of the Living God" 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 Our Tithes and Offerings

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

* Hymn: Deemster *Welsh Hymnal, 29*

*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:	\$55,154.42
Rec'd 2024-06-16:	\$1,330.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$57,183.50

Sunday: 2024-06-23
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 2024-06-25
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant

Thursday: 2024-06-27
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at Trinity Friends Church.

Sunday: 2024-06-30
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*)

Announcements:

The Men's Bible Study meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in Van Wert on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM.

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

Thanks to everyone that helped make the Ice Cream Social a success by working, cooking, decorating, or donating pies, food, money, etc.

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 and July is canned fruit.

Upcoming Birthdays

25 th Tamara Mullenhour	29 th Tom Evans	30 th Shania (Profit) Lloyd
Jul 1 st Gloria Leiter	1 st Owen Pugh	2 nd Lynette Lloyd

Upcoming Anniversaries

24 th Owen & Karen Pugh	25 th Rex & Lisa Lloyd
28 th Larry & Sandra Caffro	Jul 1 st Jack & Grenda Blackmore
4 th Toby & Elizabeth Adkins	



2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 - David learns of Saul's death

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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
MaKenna Kimmet (broken legs)
Jim Lloyd (foot issues)
David Morris (Zeb)
Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer)
Paul & Doris Price
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)
Evelyn Schwartz
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)
Travis Snyder (pancreatic cancer)
Tori and Roger Wells (surgeries)
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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST - Rebellion against the Lord will culminate in humiliating defeat, but the death of the Lord’s fallen servants is to be grieved, not celebrated.

SECOND - David’s eulogy is full of grace because he is filled with the grace of God.

THIRD - David’s mourning of his fallen tormentor was also a way of taking responsibility for his own life.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

David was anointed to be the future king. He knew that the Lord was his protector (4:9), and he waited on the Lord to fulfill His promise. On several occasions, David came close to death and wavered in his faith. But to his credit, he did not force the issue by killing Saul or trying to seize the throne following Saul’s death. Instead, David delivers a respectful eulogy of Saul and Jonathan. Judah and Israel soon recognize David as God’s choice to be Saul’s successor. Through David’s military exploits under Saul, the Lord has previewed His future king for Israel; finally, the people, recognizing David’s gifts and calling, willingly anointed him as their king to recognize God’s purposes for him and the nation. David’s story gives us the comforting knowledge that “*all things work together for the good*” if like David, we trust in God. Likewise, let us trust that His eternal promises will come true in God’s perfect timing.

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