

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, July 21, 2024, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Becky Reichard

The flowers are given to the glory by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude  
Lighting the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

* <u>Hymn</u> :	Be Thou My Vision	334
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 89:20-30	535

Prayer of Confession: God, forgive us. **Our walk with You is not always visible to the world.** Sometimes, we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard for others to see that we are Your community. **We act as though we do not need each other.** We do not always love one another. **We do not know and bear one another's burdens.** We fail to build each other up. **We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.** Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that You desire of us. **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 7:1-17	278
	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	916
	Ephesians 2:11-22	1065

Time for Children

<u>Hymn</u> :	Have Thine Own Way, Lord!	388
Sermon:	“Follow God’s Lead”	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 over our tithes and offerings*  
*\*Response*                      **Praise God**                      Inside Front Cover

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\* Hymn:*                      Llef                      *Welsh Hymnal, 56*

*\*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:	\$64,346.83
Rec'd 2024-07-14	\$1,863.25	Rec'd to Date:	\$66,727.25

**Sunday:** 2024-07-21  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)  
 10:45 PM Session Meeting

**Tuesday:** 2024-07-23  
 7:30 AM The Men's Bible Study meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant

**Thursday:** 2024-07-25  
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Pentecostal Way Church.

**Sunday:** 2024-07-28  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)

**Announcements:**

The Vacation Bible School is set for July 30 and 31 from 9 to 11:30 AM.

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart of the Salvation Army. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month, we collect different food. The food for July is canned fruit.

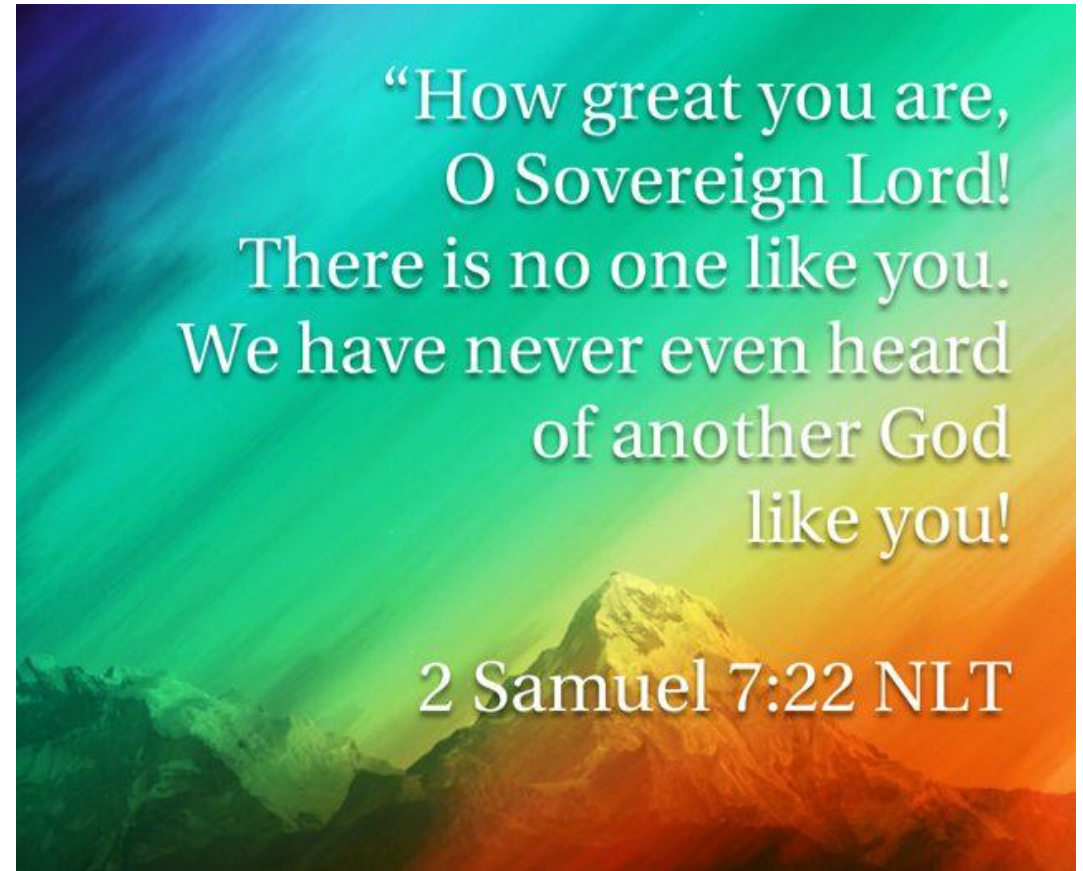
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Dave Rees	24 <sup>th</sup> Evan Pugh	25 <sup>th</sup> Charlotte McConnell
26 <sup>th</sup> Brent Price	29 <sup>th</sup> Heather McClure	29 <sup>th</sup> Doug Strickler
31 <sup>st</sup> Kristyn Jones	31 <sup>st</sup> Zach Wise	

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

24 <sup>th</sup> Bill & Ruth Evans	25 <sup>th</sup> David & Nancy Jo Breese
27 <sup>th</sup> Jeff & Kelly Lloyd	31 <sup>st</sup> Jason & Danielle Lloyd



**2 Samuel 7:1-22**

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Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Chris Bolton (broken ankle)  
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 & heart surgery)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Tim Morris (broken ribs after a fall)  
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)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

### **Serving Our Country:**

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### TEACHING POINTS

FIRST POINT – Sometimes our dreams and ideas are from God, and sometimes they are not.

SECOND POINT - God is not limited to a temple but is consistently on the move with His people.

THIRD POINT – God is in charge.

### THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

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### ACTION POINT

The narrator views David as the instrument of the Lord in fulfilling the promises to Moses and renewing the success of Joshua. In addition, God promises to make David’s name great, just as he promised for Abraham (Gen. 12:2). God promises to maintain a special “father-son relationship” with each new king, assuring him of divine counsel. As the Lord’s “son,” the king must obey His commands faithfully. If the Davidic king sins, God will punish him. Still, he will not take the throne away from David’s family (1 Kings 11:34).

Eventually, a king will arise who will reign “with justice and righteousness” (Isa. 9:7). The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him (Jesus) in a powerful way (Isa. 11:2). Many of the later prophecies about the Messiah draw on this great promise to David. That is our hope that God will also be our loving Father who will guide those who faithfully obey His commands, and God will not give up on us in His desire for us to come back to Him like Prodigal Sons and Daughters when we become rebellious.

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