

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 29, 2024, 19thth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Jake Wilder

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marylin Foust



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:7-14 488

*Hymn: Trust and Obey 261

Prayer of Confession: Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all. **We confess that we have not bowed before Him, nor acknowledged His rule in our lives.** We have followed the world's ways and failed to give Him glory. **Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people.** Help us to obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church. **In His Name, we pray, Amen.**
(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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 *Mark 9:38-50 920
Philippians 4:4-13 1071
James 3:13-17 1102

Time for Children

*Hymn: It Is Well with My Soul 256

Sermon "Take Sin Seriously" 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: Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal 40

*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: \$87,327.84
Rec'd 2024-09-22: \$2,345.00 Rec'd to Date: \$87,934.25

Sunday: 9:30 AM
2024-09-29
Worship with Pastor Tom Emery.
(nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese)

Tuesday: 7:30 AM
2024-10-01
Men's Bible Study meets at the Global Methodist Church
at Crawford and Walnut Streets
7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study

Thursday: Noon
2024-10-03
The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at Living Truth
Church at 1180 S Washington St., Van Wert.

Sunday: 9:30 AM
2024-10-06
Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
(nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)
Worldwide Communion & Peacemaking Offering

Announcements:

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army. Each month, we collect different items. The October item is shampoo and conditioner.

The Gomer Church is holding its Gymanfa October 6, at 7:00 pm.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc and pastortomemery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

29th Steve Richards	29th Steve Richards	30th Jack Blackmore
Oct 2 Kory Mullenhour	8th Bob McCollow	

Upcoming Anniversaries

2nd Kevin & Heather Matthews	7 th Jason & Sarah Kimmet
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Millie Fletcher
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Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher
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POINT ONE: Jesus tells us to eliminate all personal sin that keeps us from committing to Him.

Jesus said, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands." (v.43 TLB) This initial shock value is designed to force us to review where we stand in making and keeping the severe commitments of life. Let's not shrink from hearing His call for commitment to God.

POINT TWO: Jesus is focusing on the God-given gifts you possess as a person.

You are a gifted person, and so am I. We have talents with which God has graced every one of us. But Jesus adds one more challenging thought: salt is good and a great and flavorful condiment we all appreciate. It makes an agreeable contribution to the taste of our food. Ask anyone on a salt-free diet about that! But another culinary secret Jesus knows is that unused salt gradually grows stale. It loses its saltiness. And then all is lost. You might as well throw it out. We waste them if we don't use our God-given gifts. But what you and I refuse to use, we will surely lose. That's a real challenge!

POINT THREE: Our lives are not meant to be "waited out" but to be lived up!

Are you and I living up to the gifts and talents God has given us? What kind of commitment do we have to ourselves and to the graces within us? Total commitment is the exciting, refreshing lifestyle that awaits us now!

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

⁵⁰ Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other." Mark 9:50 NLT

ACTION POINT

The definition of sin is "to miss the mark of what God calls us to do." What's more tragic than love that goes unused, generosity kept to oneself, or friendship unshared?

What's more wasted than a gifted person who is not committed to those gifts—who squanders or doesn't use them at all? Our gifts are designed to be used, not neglected or ignored. What you and I refuse to use, we will surely lose. Our gifts are meant to bless others!

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