

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill

Flowers are giving to the glory of God by Jack & Gwenda Blackmore



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 26 492

*Hymn: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus 257

Prayer of Confession: Merciful Lord, You know that we are stubborn and willful. **We believe that we know the right way to do everything and heal all the world's troubles.** We resort to extraordinary means to provide healing, only to find that we have not placed our trust in Your redeeming love. **Our efforts fall far short of the goal of reconciliation.** Forgive us our stubbornness and arrogance. **Heal our wounded souls and restore hope and compassion to our relationships with You and with each other.** Lift us up and cause us to serve You by serving others in this world. **We ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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

Scripture Readings * Job 1:1, 2:1-10 444
 Mark 10:2-16 921
 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 1089

Time for Children

*Hymn: God Will Take Care of You 297

Sermon "Trust In God No Matter What" Rev. Thomas Emery

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Hymn: Penpark *Welsh Hymnal, 26*

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer
Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

Offertory Prayer
*Hymn: Sanctus *Welsh Hymnal, 30*

*Taking the Light into the World
*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover
*Those who can are invited to stand.



Financial Update:
Needed Weekly: \$2,298.10 Needed to Date: \$89,625.94
Rec'd 2024-09-29: \$1,964.25 Rec'd to Date: \$89,898.50

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

Tuesday: **2024-10-08**
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Global Methodist
 Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets
 7:00 PM The Women's Bible Study meets downstairs

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

Sunday: **2024-10-13**
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
 (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

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. For Thanksgiving, we are collecting gravy packets (requested 600).

Corey and Alyssa Hobbs had a baby boy on October 1. His name is Oliver Anton Hobbs, he was 21" long and he weighed 7 lb 3 oz.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

8th Bob McCollow	13th David Breese	13th Carter Dunlap
13th Kayla Owens/Mumford	14th Jason Kimmet	22nd Ashley Finn

Upcoming Anniversaries

7th Jason & Sarah Kimmet	21 Bob & Kathy McCollow
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Job 1-2

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POINT TWO--After a painful ordeal, we ought to learn everything it has to offer.

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