

<h1 style="margin: 0;">Salem Presbyterian Church</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Sunday, November 3, 2024, 24th Sunday after Pentecost</h2>

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Becky Reichard

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 127 561

*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy 70

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves and our gifts and our talents and wonder what You would want us to do with them. **We don't think that we have much to give.** We think we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth to truly please and serve You. **Help us bring our lives, just as they are, to You** and receive Your gentle touch and healing grace. **Help us remember that You have given us blessings to bring joy and service to others. We ask this 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

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings *Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 240
Mark 12:38-44 924
Hebrews 9:24-28 1094

Time for Children

*Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross 113

Sermon "God's Hand at Work In This World" 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: For All the Saints 508 v. 1,2&6

Naming of the Saints:
 Wayne McMichael, Doug Smith, Ron Owens, Tressa Dicus, John Lloyd, Andy Francis, Dale Kuiesza. Adam Clark, Larry Miller, Nancy Shaffer, Travis Snyder, Ryan Adam, Owen Richard Morris, and Doris Price.

*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: \$98,818.34
 Rec'd 2024-10-27: \$2,339.00 Rec'd to Date: \$98,697.69

Sunday: **2024-11-03 All Saints Day Celebrated**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Denise Pugh, Liz, & Kelly*)
 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School "Christian View of the Election"
 Budget & Nomination information is due.

Tuesday: **2024-11-05**
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Global Methodist Church at
 Crawford and Walnut Streets
 4-7:00 PM Election Day Dinner at the Lions Club

Thursday: **2024-11-07**
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at First Baptist
 Church, 13887 Jennings Rd., Van Wert, OH.
 6:00 PM Kingdom Connection Academy fundraiser at Trinity Friends

Sunday: **2024-11-10 Veterans Day**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
 Copy of the Budget and List of Officers passed out.

Announcements: Salem is collecting **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items, the November item is gravy packets (they have requested 600). The **Van Wert County Thanksgiving Eve Service** this year is at Trinity Global Church, Sunday, November 24th, at 6:00 PM.

Paul Price and his family would like to thank everyone for prayers, the kind words, cards, food, and visits while they deal with the loss of Doris.

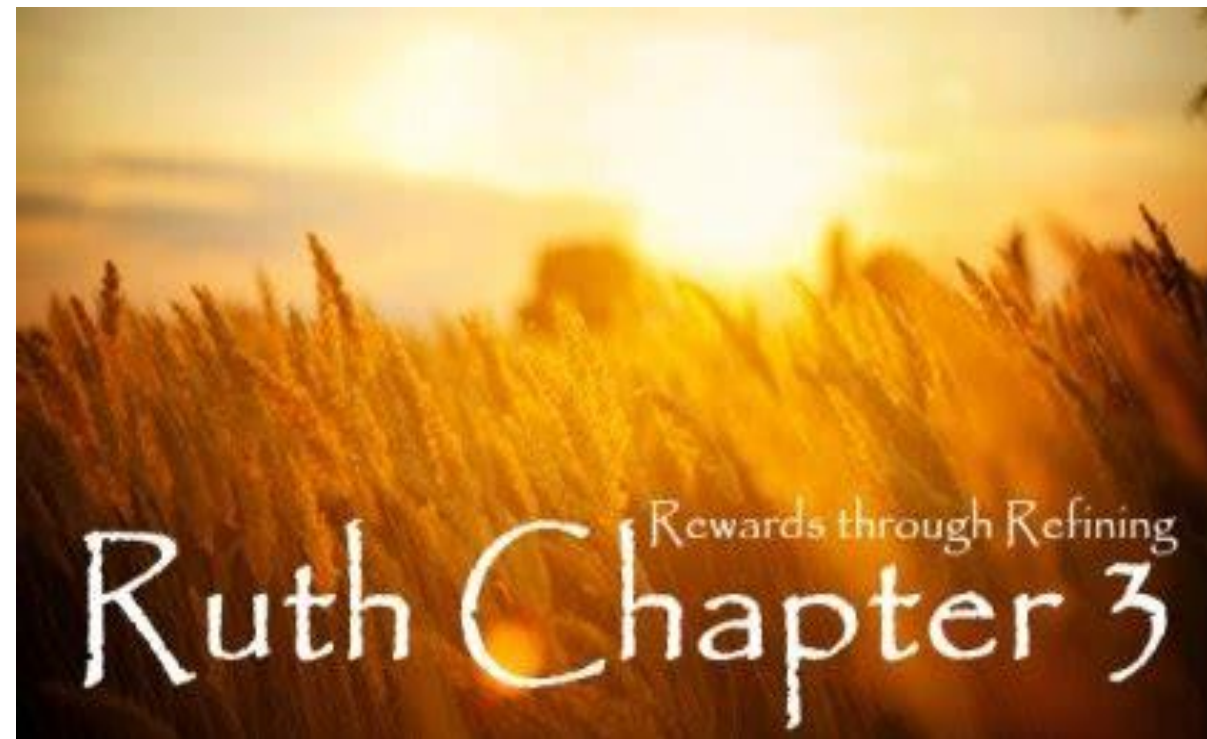
Pastor Tom has free tickets (while they last) for the **Kingdom Connection Academy Christian school** forming at Trinity Friends Church; the 6:00 to 8 PM dinner is also a silent auction fundraiser meant to inform the community about this new Christian school and to raise money for its startup expenses. Tuition and transportation may be free for some.

The **Shoebox Project**—For the last 30 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts, and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Pamphlets and shoeboxes are in the prayer room. The collection day is Sunday, **November 10**.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

5th Carla Breese	5th Missy Zielke	10th Lucas Mullenhour
11th Sarah Kimmert	12th Catie Brayton (Emery)	



Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

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