

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, November 10, 2024, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Jake Wilder

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



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag found on back of the bulletin  
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

\*Hymn: My Country, 'Tis of Thee 529

Call to Worship: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah's Prayer 243

Prayer of Confession: Rock of Salvation, You give children to the barren and strength to the feeble; **You exalt the poor and lift up the needy.** We want to praise Your Holy Name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from You, from one another, from the world, and even from ourselves. **We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth.** We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. **Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly.** Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, **to work together for good in the world,** and to prepare for the day of the Lord. **We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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 \* 1 Samuel 1:4-20 242  
Mark 13:1-8 925  
Hebrews 10:11-25 1095

Special Music *This is My Song* Jake Wilder

Honoring our Veterans with recognition

Time for Children

\*Hymn: America the Beautiful 531

Sermon *"The Lowly Lifted by 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.**

Offertory Prayer  
 \*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: Diadem Welsh Hymnal 13

\*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: \$101,116.44
Rec'd 2023-11-03:	\$6,970.06	Rec'd to Date: \$105,667.75

**Sunday:** **2024-11-10 Veterans Day**  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with bill & Ruth Evans*)  
 Copy of the Budget and List of Officers are available.

**Tuesday:** **2024-11-12**  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Global Methodist Church at  
 Crawford and Walnut Streets  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:** **2024-11-14**  
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at First Baptist  
 Church, 13887 Jennings Rd., Van Wert, OH.

**Sunday:** **2024-11-17**  
 9:30 AM Worship w guest pastor Harry Tolhurst  
 (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)  
 Congregational meeting-vote for budget & officers

**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, 220 S. Walnut St, Van Wert, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

The **Shoebox Project**—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 November 17.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Evelyn Schwartz has donated two Welsh cookbooks. Submit items to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc) and [pastortomemory@live.com](http://pastortomemory@live.com).

**Upcoming Birthdays**  
 10th Lucas Mullenhour      11th Sarah Kimmet      12th Catie Brayton (Emery)  
 18th Boone Finn

**Posting of the Flags and the Pledge of Allegiance**

**\*The Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag:** I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

**\*The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag:** (By heart)



*I Samuel 1:4-20*

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Millie Fletcher  
Ellen Friesner  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Jane Harter  
Sheryl Hefner (cancer)  
Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese  
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher  
Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor for heart & foot issues)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Tim Morris  
Bev Place (cancer)  
Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer)  
Paul Price  
Denise Pugh  
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Marilyn Stockton (heart issues)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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