

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 1, 2024, 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Flowers are giving to the glory of God by Dave & Carla Breese



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Introit

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 25:1-10 492

*Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds 187

The lighting of the Hope Advent Purple Candle Skit@ the Bus Stop

Prayer of Confession: Loving Creator, You call us to rejoice in Your promise of the birth to come, but we are afraid. **You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away in fear.** We long for an easy path into your promised world, but You warn us there is no easy way. **Birth new life within us that we may abide in Your perfect love** – the love that casts out fear. **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**

Special Music Heather McClure

Scripture Readings
 *Jeremiah 33:14-16 724
 Luke 21:25-36 960
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 1076

Time for Children

*Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 84

Sermon "Come Righteous King" 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: O Come, O Come. Emmanuel 83

*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: \$108,010.75
 Rec'd 2024-11-24: \$1,999.25 Rec'd to Date: \$113,864.75

Sunday: **2024-12-01 1st Sunday of Advent / Advent Breakfast**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jason & Danielle Lloyd)

Tuesday: **2024-12-03**
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Trinity Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study at Salem.

Thursday: **2024-12-05**
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets on Thursdays at noon in Van Wert; the meeting place for December is the Brumback Library basement.

Sunday: **2024-12-08 2ND Sunday of Advent**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)

Announcements: Salem is collecting **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the December collection will be collecting toilet paper.

Advent Breakfast will begin right after this morning's service. Hope to see everyone there!

If you want to **donate money to decorate the church with poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd today.

Tonight at 7 PM is Salem's church rotation at the Haven of Hope Men's Shelter. Come and witness to the shelter men during supper.

The next **Senior Luncheon** will be held at noon on Wednesday, December 4, at the Lions Club. All are welcome. Come check it out!

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

Upcoming Birthdays

Dec 1st Wrenley Breese 8th Paige Thatcher (McClure) 9th Jason Lloyd
10th Danielle Lloyd 13th Marilyn Stockton

Birthday Card shower for Marilyn Stockton. She turns 95 on December 13th. Her mailing address is Lochhaven, Apt 220, 1640 Allentown Road, Lima, OH 45805



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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE - God always fulfills His promises.

POINT TWO – God prophesied the coming of the Messiah.

POINT THREE – We need to spread the excitement.

THIS WEEK'S KEY PASSAGE

"In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will do what is just and right throughout the land" (Jeremiah 33:15 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The Israelites are the family tree of Jesus. This "family tree" that God planted and raised was chopped back to a stump. But repeatedly, like a new branch from the stump, God restored it to life. This is our story, too, of how we are, at times, our own worst enemies. It is the story of how God chooses to bring life once again, even to those who take too much pleasure in chopping life down. As we prepare for the birth of a Savior this Advent season, we await the event Jeremiah and the people of Judah awaited with hope. We also prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's "Second Advent." The season of Advent is not just to prepare us for Christmas. It is to prepare us for a more than abundant eternity.

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Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
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)
Bianca Richards (Evelyn Schwartz
Marilyn Stockton (heart issues)
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country:

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