

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 19, 2025, Epiphany of the Lord

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 522

*Hymn: Ebenezer *Welsh Hymnal*, 11

Prayer of Confession: The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom (peace). **Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness.** God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of Your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. **We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.** We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. **Forgive us, Holy One.** Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in Your Holy Way of Peace. **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

Installation of Officers

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 60:1-6 676
Matthew 2:1-12 877
Ephesians 3:1-12 1065

Time for Children

*Hymn: His Eye Is on the Sparrow Handout

Sermon "God Revealed To All" 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: All Hail the Power 42

*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: \$2,345.90 Needed to Date: \$4,691.79
Rec'd 2025-01-12: \$6,443.25 Rec'd to Date: \$8,548.25

Sunday: 2025-01-19 **2nd Sunday After Epiphany**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)
Installation of Officers
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: **2025-01-21**
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Promise Church at 1017 S Shannon Street.
7:00 PM The Women's Bible Study meets downstairs

Thursday: **2025-01-23**
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at Living Truth Church at 1180 S Washington St., Van Wert.

Sunday: 2025-01-26 **3rd Sunday After Epiphany**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
Congregational Meeting

Announcements:

There is a **Sunday School sign-up sheet** at the back of the church. We are asking people to sign up for a month to help with lessons during the church service time.

Salem is collecting **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the January collection is Hamburger Helper.

The **2025 Flower chart** is in the vestibule. Please sign up.

We will not be using the large white envelopes for church giving in 2025. Please use the small white envelopes found in the little brown boxes in the two vestibules.

Installation & Ordination of officers will take place today. Auditors reports will be available to the congregation today.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **February Newsletter**. Submit them to: PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

19th Wrettic Breese

30th John Smith

31st Carrie Jones

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Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Dave Burnett (heart issues)
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Kim Coil (foot surgery)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
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Millie Fletcher
Ellen Friesner
Cecil Foust (heart surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
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Sheryl Hefner (cancer)
Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – God has revealed Himself to all people everywhere.

POINT TWO – Sometimes, God chooses individuals or nations for tasks.

POINT THREE – Each time we bring light into someone else’s life, we speed the day when the world will walk in the glorious light of God’s presence.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

² Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the LORD rises and appears over you. ³ All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance (Isaiah 60:2-3 NLT).

ACTION POINT

All people are God’s children. God is no respecter of persons. God, however, He does select individual persons and groups of persons for tasks. That does not mean God loves us more than anyone else. It merely says that we are fortunate enough to participate in His adventure in this world. Our calling is to show the world the love of Jesus Christ in such a way that people are drawn to Him and find the light in their lives. Isn’t this what God has called us to do for this fallen world? By His grace, we are to show the world God’s unfailing love at work in our lives so that the world may honestly see where it came from and why it exists. Why not fully follow Christ and tell others about His immense, indescribable love?

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