Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 2, 2025, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Jake Wilder

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

Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u>: Psalm 71:1-6

*<u>Hymn</u>: It is Well with My Soul 256

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: O Lord, we are just ordinary folks. We think that You would do better to find someone else—someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, and someone with more faith to do Your will. But we hear our call and Your promise. Forgive our feet of clay—when we try and evade Your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt Your presence, when we reject Your prophets, and when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that You are there. Help us respond in faith, hope, and love. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings *Jeremiah 1:4-10 685

Luke 4:21-30 936 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 1047 Special Music Bell Choir

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn:</u> The Solid Rock 272

Sermon "Who Does God Say We Are?" 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: 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: \$2,345.90 Needed to Date: \$9,383.59 Rec'd 2025-01-26: \$4,915.00 Rec'd to Date: \$15,883.25 Sunday: <u>2025-02-02</u> 4th Sunday After Epiphany

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkin)

Souper Bowl of Caring (bring a canned good)

Tuesday: 2025-02-04

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: 2025-02-06

Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the

Trinity Friends Church at 1017 S Shannon Street.

Sunday: 2025-02-02 4th Sunday After Epiphany

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)

5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **St. David's Day celebration** will be held on Sunday March 2, 2025 at 9:30 am. We have secured a speaker (Dan Rowbotham) from Wales to join us. Dan works at Rio Grande Community college as the director of Welsh Studies. Plan to join us for Welsh hymns, bell music and some Welsh history. Lunch will be served following our morning service.

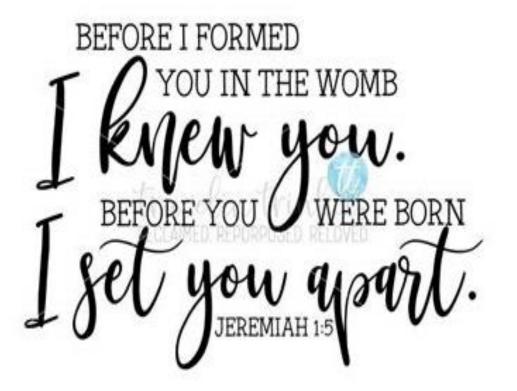
Salem is collecting **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the February collection food is canned meat.

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

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **March Newsletter.** Submit them to: <u>PastorTomEmery@live.com</u>.

Upcoming Birthdays

2nd Lindsay Breese 2nd Jerry Holscher 3rd Elizabeth Holscher 4th Andrew Emery 12th Madison Pugh 13th Audrey McCollow



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Millie Fletcher

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – God commissions us.

POINT TWO – We have deadly words of doubt to discard – "Who am I that...?".

POINT THREE – You are never alone, and God is ever with you.

THIS WEEK'S KEY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

God urges Jeremiah to act and promises to be with him regardless of age. In Jeremiah's weakness, God will make him strong. In God's way of thinking, it is not one's inherent strength, abilities, or credentials that count, but God's presence. For that reason, Jeremiah is not afraid to go to the people with God's message. Indeed, in the light of the divine command ("you must go" v. 7), he should only be afraid of not acting. God not only insists, "Get yourself ready," God also informs Jeremiah that He has readied Jeremiah for the task in the womb. Likewise, God has prepared us for our tasks. Why not ask God prayerfully what He wants you to do with your life?

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