Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, February 9, 2025, 5th Sunday after Epiphany				
Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Cindy Bowsher Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke				
Prelude & Lighting the Candles				
Welcome and Prayer				
Call to Worship:	Psalm 138	565		
* <u>Hymn</u> :	O for a Thousand Tongues	46		

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<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: We know much about earthly things, but so little about heavenly things. We stand in your presence, O God, but fail to see the hem of your robe in our midst—much less your presence, far above, upon the throne of heaven. We do not often see your seraphim in flight around your throne. We do not often hear their voices or feel the very foundations about us tremble at their loud praise. Open our lives to your mystery, power, and glory. Open our lives to you, O Holy One. 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 <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
<u>Joys & Concerns of the</u> Prayers of the People <u>Prayer Response</u>	e Church The Lord's Prayer	
Scripture Readings	*lsaiah 6:1-13 Luke 5:1-11 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	622 937 1048

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn:</u>

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Sermon "Knowing God as He Is" 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 * <u>Response</u>	Praise God		Inside	e Front Cover
*Prayer of Dedication				
* <u>Hymn:</u>	How Great 1	lhou Art!		37
*Taking the Light into the World				
*Charge and Benediction *Congregational Response		Amen	Inside	e Back Cover
*Those who can are invited to stand.				
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Sunday: 9:30 AM	<u>2025-02-09</u> 5th Sunday After Epiphany Worship ( <i>nursery with Tyler &amp; Morgan McConnell</i> ) Souper Bowl of Caring (food donations).
5:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Tuesday:	<u>2025-02-11</u>
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.
<b>Thursday:</b> Noon	2025-02-13 The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Trinity Friends Church at 1017 S Shannon Street.
<b>Sunday:</b> 9:30 AM	2025-02-16 6th Sunday After Epiphany Worship ( <i>nursery with Bob &amp; Kathy McCollow</i> ) The Session meeting has been moved to Feb. 23.

# Announcements:

The St. David's Day celebration will be held on Sunday, March 2, 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 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: PastorTomEmery@live.com.

# Upcoming Birthdays

12th Madison Pugh 16th Jeff Lloyd

13th Audrey McCollow 16th Scott Lloyd

15th Gabrielle Llovd 18th Marylin Foust

# **Upcoming Anniversaries**

14th Dylan & Catie Brayton 15th John C & Anne Morris 15th Brian & April Ellerbrock



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