

**Salem Presbyterian Church Special Service**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2025**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord – St. David’s Day**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O’Neill  
 Welsh Spokesman: Dan Rowbotham  
 Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke

Prelude  
 “The Star Spangled Banner” Everyone

Welcome – Kathy McCollow  
 Prayer – Rev. Thomas Emery

Little Welsh Choir – “Jesus Loves Me”  
 Children’s Sermon “The Quilt” by Valerieane Leblond, read by Dan Rowbotham

\*Hymn **Deemster** Welsh Hymnal, 29

Call to Worship **Psalms 96**, Welsh and English Welsh Hymnal p IV

\*Prayer of Confession: Lord, You call us to draw near, yet we fail to hear Your voice. **We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our desires.** Forgive us, when we shut out the call to climb into Your presence; **when we make excuses to put off that journey.** Have mercy on us, **O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins.** Hear our pleas, O God, and lift us to the newness of life. **In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession).**

\*Assurance of Pardon  
 \*Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Special Bells Music – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

“Life in Wales” - Dan Rowbotham

Scripture Reading **Luke 9:28-36** 944

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

\*Hymn **Penpark** first verse only, Welsh Hymnal 26

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

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

“Land of My Fathers” - Dan Rowbotham

\*Hymn: **Cwm Rhondda** Welsh Hymnal 40

**Charge:** As we close our service, we are reminded of St. David’s last words to his followers, “Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things you have heard and seen me do.”

**Prayer over Meal and Benediction**

\*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

**Financial Update:**

|                   |            |                 |             |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Needed Weekly:    | \$2,345.90 | Needed to Date: | \$18,767.17 |
| Rec’d 2025-02-23: | \$3,080.00 | Rec’d to Date:  | \$22,982.75 |

**Sunday:** 2025-03-02 **Transfiguration of the Lord**  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)  
 Celebration of St. David's Day & Communion  
 10:45 AM Lunch served

**Tuesday:** 2025-03-04  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at Global Methodist Church at  
 Crawford and Walnut Streets.  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible study

**Thursday:** 2025-03-06  
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at First United  
 Brethren in Christ Church

**Sunday:** 2025-03-09 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 9:30 AM Worship with guest Pastor Harry Tolhurst  
 (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)

The family of **Paul Price** would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards, food, and support. Your kindness is appreciated.

**Announcements:**

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army. Each month, we collect different items; the March collection food is **pork and beans**.

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

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **April Newsletter**. Submit them to: [PastorTomEmery@live.com](mailto:PastorTomEmery@live.com)

**Upcoming Birthdays**

|                                |                                  |                                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Ellen Friesner | 8 <sup>th</sup> John Morris      | 10 <sup>th</sup> Michael Garza |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Todd Morris   | 14 <sup>th</sup> Elijah Martz    | 14 <sup>th</sup> Larry Caffro  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Tom Emery     | 18 <sup>th</sup> Morgan McCollow | 19 <sup>th</sup> Pamela Beamer |



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**Prayer Concerns:**

LaDonna Allenbaugh (shoulder & elbow surgery)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
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Millie Fletcher  
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Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
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