Salem Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, January 18, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Isaiah Pugh

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** 566

*Hymn I Surrender All 394

*Assurance of

*Response Glory Be to the Father Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord 535

Special Music Chris Cowdery

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 1041
Gospel Lesson John 1:43-51 967

A Time with the Children

*Hymn I Am Thine, O Lord 314

Sermon "Just Sex?" Rev. Thomas Emery

Those who are able are invited to stand:

*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 *Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings*

*Response Praise God Inside Front

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen

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^{*}Prayer of Confession: Lord, we confess to You how little we understand our fallen nature and our sexuality. How easily we have succumbed to the lies and illusions of the world around us. Forgive us Lord, and help us in the light of Your revelation of truth to change our thinking. Help us to model before the watching world, the beauty of holiness. Let us live the joy of a life that walks in close communion with God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession.)

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Today: <u>01-18-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)

10:45 AMSunday School12:00 PMSession Retreat

3:00 PM Loss & Grief Group

Sunday: <u>01-25-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)

10:45 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Session Retreat 3:00 PM Loss & Grief Group

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$4,134.00 Rec'd 01-11-15: \$1,208.83 Rec'd to Date: \$2,033.13

Announcements:

The **Loss and Grief Group** will meet **today at 3:00 pm**. All are welcome who have experienced a loss of a loved one, divorce, loss of health, or loss of hope and dreams.

Today's Adult Sunday School topic is, "What About the Church?"

The **Session Retreat** will be **today from 12:00 – 3:00 pm**. Pizza will be provided, please bring a drink to share.

A Congregational Meeting will be held January 25 to approve the annual reports.

The annual **Potato Supper** will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 28**. The meal will start at 6:00 pm and the prayer time will follow at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Concerns:

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)

Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)

Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)

Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)

Hope Eutsler (leukemia)

Ralph Eversole (several conditions)

Vernon Hobbs

Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)

Jesse (needs God's strength)

Amanda Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)

Betty Lloyd

James Marshall (mysterious ailment)

Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Joyce Profit (heart problems)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Warren Summersett

Tom Theobald (recurrent cancer)

The Blackmore Family

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

January 18, 2015



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

Salem Presbyterian Church Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Salem Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Church Officers 2015

Clerk of Session: Carolyn Girod John Smith **Auditors: Financial Secretary:** Kim Coil Jonathan Morris

Kelly Lloyd Lisa Lloyd **Head Usher: Treasurer:**

Church Secretary: Tamara Mullenhour LaDonna Allenbaugh **Organist:**

Session: 2015 2016 2017

> Charlie Good Gwenda Blackmore Jenny Pugh Stacia Profit Kim Coil Liz Hobbs Dave Rees Rex Lloyd Bob McCollow

Trustees: 2015 2016 2017

> Dan Lloyd **David Breese** Mark Zielke Tim Price Bruce Eutsler Jeff Coil **Todd Morris** Eric Pugh Jason Lloyd

2015 2016 2017 Music

Lisa Lloyd Carla Breese Claudia LeValley **Committee:**

Ann Rees Jayne Morris Jean Owens

Bells: Kathy McCollow Sr. Choir: Jan Jones Jr. Choir: Jenny Pugh

Congregation: Kelly Lloyd, Joyce Profit **Nominating**

Committee: 2 Session, 1 Trustee, 1 Youth, 1 Music Committee, 1 Women's Assoc.

Secretary: Jean Owens Co-Moderators: Ann Rees & Gloria Leiter Women's

Association: Treasurer: Doris Price

Sunday Superintendent: Paul Price Assist. Superintendent: Ron Richards

School: Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Lloyd Rev. Thomas Emery "Just Sex?" - John 6:1-18 Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 18, 2015

Corinth was a Greek city given over to the worship of sex. A thousand priestesses from the temple of Aphrodite that stood on the little hill behind the ancient city would come down into the streets at night and practice their trade. Sexual promiscuity, therefore, was accepted and highly regarded in that culture, as it is pretty much the same today here in our nation. When the Apostle Paul had come into the city, and had begun to teach and preach about Jesus, the Christian church in Corinth began to challenge head-on this whole sexual looseness of the city. This gave an opportunity for Paul to clarify that there is no "just sex," but something much more.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: Our sexuality is a gift from God. We were created as sexual beings. That was God's intent as He blessed Adams and Eve and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it'" (Genesis 1:27-28).

Teaching Point Two: Every gift God gave us is to be used responsibly, or else we spoil it. What we sow, we reap.

Teaching Point Three: By making our bodies the Temple of the Holy Spirit, we can be partakers of the divine with a capacity to fuse with the very nature of God.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body." 1 Corinthians 6:18 NLT

ACTION POINT

"You are not your own. You were bought with a price." said Paul. We were made to be indwelt by God himself. If we cooperate with God's intentions, life is good. But if we play fast and loose with God's intentions, we suffer the consequences, and we cause other people to suffer the consequences as well. God has a purpose for our bodies in the life to come; it teaches us what we are like and what our role is. God has come to dwell in our bodies as God's temple, and that temple should be maintained without defilement, without offering it to another, except as God, Himself, has ordained in the beautiful sacrament of marriage.