

Salem Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 25, 2015

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude		
Lighting of the Candles		Isaiah Pugh
Pastoral Welcome & Prayer		

<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 62:5-12	515
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* <u>Hymn</u>	Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart	171
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*Prayer of Confession: **Father, we are sorry that we have become too engrossed with ourselves and our own worldly matters. We do not take time to consider why You made us, who we are, and why You placed us where we are. We have wrongly believed that You only care about us, and not outsiders. Yet, we realize that we are only a part of Your kingdom, that You created us to have a greater purpose. Forgive our self-centeredness, and give us a wider vision, so that in You, we may find our true selves and the reason for our being. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession.)**

*Assurance of		
* <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church		
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		
<u>Prayer Response</u>	Hear Our Prayer, O Lord	535

Special Music		Junior Bell Choir
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Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:14-20	910
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1042

A Time with the Children

* <u>Hymn</u>	May Jesus Christ Be Praised	73
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Sermon	“God is in Control”	Rev. Thomas Emery
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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	<i>Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings</i>	
* <u>Response</u>	Praise God	Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

* <u>Hymn</u>	Sanctus, Welsh Hymnal	30
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*Taking the Light into the World		
*Charge and Benediction		
* <u>Congregational Response</u>	Three Fold Amen	Inside Back Cover

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Today:	01-25-15
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
3:00 PM	Loss & Grief Group

Wednesday:	01-28-15
6:00 PM	Potato Supper
7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

Sunday:	02-01-15
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
3:00 PM	Loss & Grief Group
6:00 PM	Super Bowl Party (Everyone Invited)

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$6,201.00
Rec'd 01-18-15:	\$2,791.71	Rec'd to Date:	\$4,824.84

Announcements:

Today's Adult Sunday School topic is, "How to Make the Most of the Rest of Your Life."

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held **today following the service.**

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.

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

Prayer Concerns:

The Blackmore and Hobbs Families
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)
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)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Warren Summersett
Tom Theobald (recurrent cancer)
Taylor Stephens & Family
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)

Serving our Country:

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

In Mourning:

The Family of Vernon Hobbs, Sr.

The Family of Chris Adams (brother of Kim Owens)

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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.

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Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:45 AM

Church Officers 2015

Clerk of Session:	Carolyn Girod	Auditors:	John Smith
Financial Secretary:	Kim Coil		Johnathan Morris
Head Usher:	Kelly Lloyd	Treasurer:	Lisa Lloyd
Church Secretary:	Tamara Mullenhour	Organist:	LaDonna Allenbaugh

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
	Eric Pugh	Jason Lloyd	Todd Morris

Music Committee:	2015	2016	2017
	Lisa Lloyd	Carla Breese	Claudia LeValley
	Ann Rees	Jean Owens	Jayne Morris
	Bells: Kathy McCollow	Sr. Choir: Jan Jones	Jr. Choir: Jenny Pugh

Nominating Committee: Congregation: Kelly Lloyd, Joyce Profit
2 Session, 1 Trustee, 1 Youth, 1 Music Committee, 1 Women’s Assoc.

Women’s Association: Secretary: Jean Owens Co-Moderators: Ann Rees & Gloria Leiter
Treasurer: Doris Price

Sunday School: Superintendent: Paul Price Assist. Superintendent: Ron Richards
Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Lloyd

Rev. Thomas Emery
“God Is In Control” – Jonah 3:1-5, 10
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Jonah’s problem is that he didn’t want to do what God wanted him to do. God wanted Jonah to go preach to the people of Nineveh. But, Jonah didn't want to go, because they were such evil acting people. I understand that, don't you? There are things God wants me to do, and sometimes I have difficulty motivating myself to do them.

Some people say, "Oh, if I only knew what God's will is for my life then I would do what God wants." Sorry, but I doubt that is their real problem. Their real problem is motivating themselves to do the things they already know God wants them to do. God has asked us to go and make disciples of the world and to live out our obedient faith before others.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *If God purposes something for you, you can’t outrun God.*

Teaching Point 2: *There is no getting away from the fact that God is the God of everyone.*

Teaching Point 3: *God is in control of everything.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

Then the LORD spoke to Jonah a second time: ²“Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you” (Jonah 3:1-2 NLT).

ACTION POINT

I can tell you right now if you are a married person, that God wants you to be a better husband or wife. If you have children, God wants you to be a better father or mother or grandparent. I can tell you without much distressing on my part, that God wants you to improve your witness in the community and at work. God wants you to share out of your abundance with others by tithes, offerings, and generously helping others. God wants you to be a vital part of the life of this church sharing your God-given gifts with others. Most of us already know God's will for us. The problem is surrendering ourselves to what God wants us to do.