

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2015**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery                          Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

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Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles                          Price Children

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship                          **Psalm 19**                          488

\*Hymn                          **Aberystwyth**                          *Welsh Hymnal*, 17

**\*Prayer of Confession: As Jesus, the Son of God, cleansed the great temple, to restore it to a house of hallowed prayer, so let us cleanse our hearts. Let us cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it into worldliness. May the temple within us be a refuge where the Holy Spirit takes refuge. May it be a garden that bears the fruits of the Spirit of love, joy and peace. Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession.)**

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church  
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer  
Prayer Response                          **Gweddi Yr Arglwydd**                          *Welsh Hymnal*, V

Gospel Lesson                          **John 2:13-22**                          967  
Epistle Lesson                          **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**                          1038

\*Hymn                          **Lead to Me to Calvary**                          124

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn                          **Jesus Calls Us**                          374

Sermon                          “Cleansing Our Temples”                          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                          *Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings*  
\*Response                          **Praise God**                          Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication  
  
\*Hymn                          **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**                          13

\*Taking the Light into the World  
\*Charge and Benediction  
\*Congregational Response                          **Three Fold Amen**                          Inside Back Cover

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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**Today:**  
9:30 AM                          Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)  
10:45 AM                          Sunday School  
6:30 PM                          Trustee Meeting

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM                          Worship  
10:45 AM                          Sunday School  
4:00 PM                          Session Meeting

### Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$18,603.00
Rec'd 03-01-15:	\$471.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$15,042.33

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### Announcements:

Today's **Adult Sunday School** topic is, "The First Commandment."

The **Women's Association** will hold their first meeting of the year on Thursday, March 19. Please see Mary Ellen for a 2015 program booklet.

Mark your calendar for Wed. **March 25** for the first **Senior Luncheon** of the year!

The **Youth Group** will be attending **Converge 2015** March 27-28, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm. Talk to Pastor Tom for more information.

On **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** our annual Maundy Thursday meal by the Morris Family will be at 6:00 pm. Following the meal, the **Maundy Thursday Service and Communion** will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Youth Group invites everyone to the **Easter Sunrise Service, April 5 at 7:00 am**. After the service, the **Easter Sunrise Breakfast** will be served. Let us all come and share good food and fellowship as we gather together on this joyous Easter morning!

Find Salem Church on **Facebook!** It's a great way to share photos and stay up-to-date on cancelations and scheduled events. Make sure to "*like*" our page!

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Session requests all who are interested in providing food for the **funeral dinners** to sign-up in the vestibule and check which food categories you prefer (Salads, Casseroles, Hot Vegetables, and Desserts).

**Lion's Club Pancake & Sausage Day** is Saturday, March 21, 6:00 am-2:00 pm.



**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

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)  
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit’s niece)  
Gene Ellerbrock (in failing health – April Ellerbrock’s father-in-law)  
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)  
Hope Eutsler (leukemia in remission)  
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)  
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)  
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)  
Betty Lloyd  
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)  
Tim Morris (liver transplant)  
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)  
Taylar Stephens & Family  
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)  
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)  
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)  
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)  
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)  
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

**Serving our Country:**

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

People came to offer their sacrifices at the Jerusalem Temple during Passover. Many of them were from the far reaches of Judaism, and they couldn't bring an animal with them to sacrifice. Unfortunately, they couldn't use Roman coins to purchase one. These coins were considered impure. After all, they bore the image of Caesar, which broke the commandment against graven images. The money changers were exchanging Roman coins for shekels, temple coins, and some of them were making an outrageous profit at the expense of simple, believing people, when they needed to purchase an animal in the Temple court. Seeing this injustice in God’s Temple, Jesus knew it appeared discouraging to those in the pursuit of seeking God. Then upon taking in the situation, Jesus exploded. According to the picture we get in the Gospel, Jesus gets angry at people who exploit religion.

**TEACHING POINTS**

Teaching Point One: *Anger is not a sin.*

Teaching Point Two: *From God’s perspective, some things should make us angry.*

Teaching Point Three: *There is a time for action.*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, “Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace!” (John 2:16 NLT).

**ACTION POINT**

The gospel of Jesus, is a conviction that tells us we really matter, not because there is anything remarkable about us, but because there is something remarkable about God. Christ was a law-abiding man. He kept most of the sacred traditions of his people. But, tradition wasn't as important to him as people were. That is why Jesus drove the money changers from the Temple. Jesus cares about people. I invite you to accept the same authentic faith of Jesus, a faith that has one goal, to help us grow in love for one another and God. This same faith is the heart of Lent and the Easter Story.