Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Price Children

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Junior Bells

*Palm Branches – *please stand*

*Hymn All Glory, Laud and Honor 108

Call to Worship **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** 554

*Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city, give us grace to recognize the King we proclaim, and courage to be a part of Your Kingdom. Give us courage even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world, and even when it leads us where we do not want to go. Empower us to free ourselves from the tempting alternatives of power, wealth, and status. Embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and praise. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Junior Bell Choir

Gospel Lesson **John 12:12-19** 980

Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

A Time with the Children

*<u>Hymn</u> Come, Christians, Join to Sing 55

Sermon "Jesus the King" Rev. Thomas Emery

*Hymn Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 109

*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 We've a Story to Tell

Inside Back Cover

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The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by the Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$24,804.00
Rec'd 03-22-15:	\$2,457.30	Rec'd to Date:	\$21,485.29

^{*}Taking the Light into the World

^{*}Charge and Benediction

^{*}Congregational Response Three Fold Amen

^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.

Palm Sunday: <u>03-29-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Maundy Thursday: <u>04-02-15</u>

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Meal 7:00 PM Service & Communion

Good Friday: <u>04-03-15</u>

2:00 PM Prayer

Easter Sunday: 04-05-15
7:00 AM Sunrise Service
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast

9:30 AM Easter Service (nursery available, but not staffed)

Announcements:

If anyone wishes to contribute money towards the **flowers for the cross on Easter**, please give your **donation** to Carol, Denise, or Jen. Thanks!

On **April 2nd** 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.

Salem Church will be open from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Good Friday for Prayer. Also, the Van Wert County churches are having a Good Friday service at 12:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church (113 W. Central Avenue).

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

First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert invites you to attend a **Palm Sunday Evening Concert** tonight at 5:00 pm, featuring guest, Dr. Schleiffer and three local musicians: Sheila Collins, Cricket Dobmeyer, and Anna Battle-Baker.

The church is now **accepting donations**, towards an already initiated fund, for air conditioning in time for our 100th Gymanfa Ganu this year. If you would like to contribute, please designate your gift to the Air Conditioning Fund.

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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.

Salem Presbyterian Church Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

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 in remission)

Ralph Eversole (several conditions)

Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)

Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)

Betty Lloyd

James Marshall (mysterious ailment)

Tim Morris (liver transplant)

Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)

Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)

Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)

Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)

Taylar Stephens & Family

Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)

Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)

Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

Aaron Reis (age 15, in need of heart transplant – son of Bruce Reis)

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

In Mourning:

The Family of Gene Ellerbrock

Birthdays:

Lyndi Breese – 4/2

Anniversaries:

Haydn & Loretta Williams – 3/29

Rev. Thomas Emery "Jesus Is King" Mark 11:1-11 Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 29, 2015

Today is Palm Sunday and a little boy is the first one to come running barefoot into town to tell us the news, "The King is coming!" Jesus is coming down the road to Jerusalem.

Everyone loves a parade. Anyone can be a bystander. It takes a little something extra to be a participant. Today is Palm Sunday, and there's a crowd of people out there lining the street to welcome this Jesus to be King of Jews. He comes riding in on some young donkey like the old kings of Israel centuries before as they entered the Holy City.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: We must decide to follow Jesus.

Teaching Point Two: It's easy to shout, but it's harder to serve..

Teaching Point Three: Jesus' Kingdom is not of this world.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!" John 12:25 NLT

ACTION POINT

If we want to be palm waving, by standing, Christian parade watchers who go home after the parade and forget about it, then we can do just that. Drop in money in the offering at church, pay our dues, have a good feeling, be at ease and let the world go to hell for lack of hearing the Gospel. But, let me warn you. If you are serious about this Jesus stuff, if you want to be a participant, then you had better watch out and prepare yourself. God is calling us to be His witnesses in today's world, for there is no private Christianity. He is calling us to be servants, for there is no spectator Christianity. Jesus is calling us to be His church, for there is no uninvolved Christianity.