Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 19, 2015 3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Tamara Mullenhour

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> **Psalm 8** 482

*Hymn Blessed Assurance 255

*Prayer of Confession: Loving Father, Son, and Spirit, we come. Yet we know, we come with doubts and fears. We know, we come in ignorance. We know, we have failed You, Your creation, and Your people in many ways. Trusting in Your love, we turn again to You. As we open our hearts to Your mercy and forgiveness, grant us Your peace. Accept these prayers, accept our worship, and accept us. 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 Lindsey Newlove

Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-38 965
1 John 3:1-7 1111

A Time with the Children

*Hymn In the Garden 264

Sermon "God's Family" 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 Come, Christians, Join to Sing 55

Inside Back Cover

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Eric & Jenny Pugh and Family.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$31,005.00 Rec'd 04-12-15: \$4,442.00 Rec'd to Date: \$30,138.31

^{*}Taking the Light into the World

^{*}Charge and Benediction

^{*}Congregational Response Three Fold Amen

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

Today: <u>04-19-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)

10:45 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM Session Meeting

Sunday: <u>04-26-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Session will meet today at 4:00 pm.

If you would like to contribute to the **Air Conditioning Fund**, please designate your gift accordingly.

This month's **Senior Luncheon** will be on **Wednesday, April 29**, 12:00 pm at the Lion's Club. The menu will include beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and cupcakes for dessert.

If you have photos or information to share in next month's church newsletter, **Sounds of Salem**, please email the secretary, <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u> or place in Tamara's mailbox by Friday, April 24.

Birthdays:

4/20	Kevin Matthews	4/24	Larry Profit
4/22	Elgarda McGee	4/24	Elaine Siler
4/23	Grant Zielke	4/25	Julia Morris
4/24	Jeff Hoehn	4/26	Gwenda Blackmore

Anniversaries:

4/21 John & Mary Ellen Lloyd



April 19, 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

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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)

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)

Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)

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

Aaron Reis (age 15, received a heart transplant Tuesday – son of Bruce Reis)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (grandson of Doris Evans)

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves – *deployed to Iraq on April 1*)

Rev. Thomas Emery "God's Family" - 1 John 3:1-7 Salem Presbyterian Church April 19, 2015

When God's Spirit lodges within us, we are given new birth as God's own children (Romans 8:11). We are then reborn as part of God's family and permitted to greet God as Jesus did with his words, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 2:15). This term of endearment Jesus uses for his heavenly Father, "Abba," means "daddy." We also become inheritors to a life eternal with the eternal kingdom of God to come.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: Lost in a physical world, we do not know spiritually who our heavenly Father is.

Teaching Point Two: By faith in the resurrection, we become "children of God."

Teaching Point Three: We need to remember who we are, and what we can become.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2 NLT).

ACTION POINT

We are in a new family as reborn believers. Perhaps, our early family was dysfunctional and frustrating. But, we can be adopted as God's children, not because of anything we do, but simply because God loves us. As children of God, what we will be when Christ returns is yet to be revealed to us. As children of God, we live as Christ lived on earth to show the fruits of our faith, so we stand out from the world. We will see God face-to-face in the last hour. And in between times, God abides in the earthly community of faith, His church, in fellowship with Christ, and with us. God is light. Walking in that light, we will live forever.