Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 3, 2015 5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Adkins Children

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 22:25-31 491

*<u>Hymn</u> **He Lives** 132

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to Your call with faith. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understanding of discipleship, and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future, or when we pull back from the demand of Your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense Your presence in our past, to acknowledge Your grace in the present moment, and to trust You for our future. Through Your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as Your disciples. We seek renewed, and renewing faith. Touch us now with Your Spirit, Lord. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Take a moment of silent confession*.)

*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 Madison Pugh

Scripture Reading **John 15:1-8** 983 **Acts 8:26-40** 1000

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Open My Eyes That I May See** 163

Sermon "Guided by the Spirit" 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 Cwm Rhonda Welsh Hymnal, 40

*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.

The flowers are given by Jack & Gwenda Blackmore in honor of their parents, Charles & Mildred Blackmore and Vernon & Leota Hobbs

^{*}Assurance of Pardon

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$35,139.00 Rec'd 04-19-15: \$876.25 Rec'd to Date: \$32,643.11

Sunday: <u>05-03-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday: <u>05-10-15</u> Happy Mother's Day!

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

10:45 AM Sunday School 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

There are prayer request/visitor cards available in the vestibule. Please use these cards to write down the information of your **prayer request** so we are more able to put the correct information in the bulletin and Pastor will know who to contact. Your help in this is greatly appreciated! You may place them in the offering plate or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

Next Sunday is **Mother's Day!** The Junior Choir will also be recognized on this day.

Graduation Sunday is on May 17. Please let Pastor Tom or Tamara know of students who should be recognized and who are planning on attending this day.

Birthdays:

5/3	Kim Coil	5/6	Emma Jones
5/3	Deb Fair	5/7	Josh Lloyd
5/3	Eric Pugh	5/8	Bob Pugh
5/4	Rod Eutsler	5/9	Linda Fisher Howell
5/4	Heather Matthews	5/10	Rex Lloyd

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