

Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, August 23, 2015 13th Sunday after Pentecost



Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 84 531

*Hymn Sandon Welsh Hymnal, 27

Prayer of Confession: Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and Your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow Your path of peace. And we are quick to use Your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as Your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. This we pray in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of 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 Chris Bindel

Scripture Readings **John 6:56-69** 973 **Ephesians 6:10-20** 1067

A Time with the Children

*Hymn Welsh Hymnal, 1

Sermon "Your Spiritual Warfare" Rev. Thomas Emery

Prayer: Spirit of the living God - fall afresh on me

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

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*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

*<u>Hymn</u> **Deemster** *Welsh Hymnal*, 29

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*Blessing of the Tractors: *Meet on the front steps of the church after a short break.*

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

The alter flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Bob & Kathy McCollow.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$68,211.00
Rec'd 08-16-15:	\$1,453.55	Rec'd to Date:	\$61,336.21

Today: 08-23-15

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)

10:30 AM Blessing of the Tractors

11:00 AM Potluck Meal

Sunday: <u>08-30-15</u>

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

10:45 AM Sunday School

Thank You:

Loretta Williams and family want to thank all Salem Presbyterian family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and food during the time of Haydn's illness and thank you to Pastor for your prayers and visits. Everyone was so kind to remember him with memorial gifts. Thank you all who prepared and served the delicious food to many of our family and friends. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. We miss Haydn but we have the hope, comfort, and peace, knowing he is with the Lord. Again, thank you all.

Announcements:

Welcome to Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday! Following the worship service, please meet on the front steps of the church for the special Blessing of the Tractors ceremony. Everyone is invited to the potluck meal that will follow in the church basement.

The 100th Gymanfa Ganu will be held on Sunday, September 6. Supper will be served from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and the Festival of Song will start at 7:00 pm. Please pick up flyers in the vestibule to distribute!



The handicap lift has been repaired and is in working order. If you would like to help with the cost of the repair, please designate your gift to the **major improvement fund**.

If you are interested in purchasing the older model **copier**, please direct your bids starting at \$100 and any questions to the secretary.

Birthdays This Week:

8/27 Barb Owens

8/30 Kelly Lloyd

Anniversaries This Week:

8/27 Pastor Tom & Carol Emery



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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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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)

Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)

Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)

Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)

Hope Eutsler (leukemia)

Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)

Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)

Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)

Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)

Betty Lloyd (broken hip)

Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)

James Marshall (mysterious ailment)

Nicholas Poling (recovering from brain injury – grandson of Charlie Good)

Evelyn Pugh

Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)

Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)

Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)

John Stutz

Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)

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

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

Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)

Melanie Huddleston (biopsy – sister of Kim Coil)

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TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Prepare for the attack.*

Teaching Point Two: *Know the ways of your adversary, the devil.*

Teaching Point Three: Always wear the full armor of God.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12 NLT)

ACTION POINT

We were not created to slumber our lives away, but to arrive face-to-face with God, trusting that with His touch upon us, we will rise to the full stature of our God-given potential. We do not always know how God is using us. However, when we present ourselves to God's care and His purpose and mission, we become instruments of His kingdom. When temptations are asking you to look down, faith is asking you to look up, to give your commitment to something greater than yourself. When you do, you put on the full armor of God.

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