



Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 6, 2015
15th Sunday after Pentecost



Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Price Children

Introit

Holy Ground

Alumni Choir

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 125

Hymnal, 561

*Hymn

Milwaukee

Welsh Hymnal, 6

Prayer of Confession: Lord, we confess that we pretend to know, when in truth we still wonder. Forgive our pretenses, that we may open ourselves to unexpected teachers, to fresh ideas, to one another, and to You. Vulnerable Christ, You who lived in generous love, we confess that we have closed ourselves off; we have seen so much suffering that we stop looking, rather than see and respond to those in need. Forgive our neglect, that we may care for one another, and follow in the example You set for us. In Your Name, we pray. 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

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Calon Lân

Alumni Choir

Directed by Maggie Morris Lopez

Scripture Readings

Mark 7:24-37

917

James 2:1-17

1100

A Time with the Children

*Hymn

Llef

Welsh Hymnal, 56

Sermon

“Christ’s New World Order”

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

Spirit of the living God - fall afresh on me

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

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Cwm Rhondda

Welsh Hymnal, 40

*Taking the Light into the World

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Alumni Choir

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Carolyn Girod.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:

\$2,067.00

Needed to Date:

\$72,345.00

Rec’d 08-30-15:

\$763.00

Rec’d to Date:

\$63,663.71

Sunday:

9:30 AM
4-6:00 PM
7:00 PM

09-06-15 GYMANFA GANU

Worship (nursery not staffed)
Light Supper
Gymanfa Ganu

Sunday:

9:30 AM
6:30 PM

09-13-15 GIDEON'S SUNDAY

Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)
Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Today is the **100th Gymanfa Ganu!** Supper will be served from **4:00 – 6:00 pm** and the Festival of Song will begin at **7:00 pm**. We welcome Eric Foster as our director, Bonnie Bolton as our organist, Connie O'Neill as our pianist, and Sheila Chilcote-Collins and Jake Wilder as our soloists.

Please bring **meal items** for the Gymanfa dinner to the church by 3:00 pm.

There will be brass **ornaments** available to purchase for \$12.00 at the 100th Gymanfa Ganu to help commemorate the event. In case the ornaments sell out, a second order will be made and delivered in time for Christmas for local residents.

Children and Adult Sunday School will begin September 20.

The **Women's Association** will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 17.

Senior Luncheons are back! Meet at the Lion's Club on Wednesday, September 23, at 12:00 pm for a delicious meal and fellowship.

Birthdays This Week:

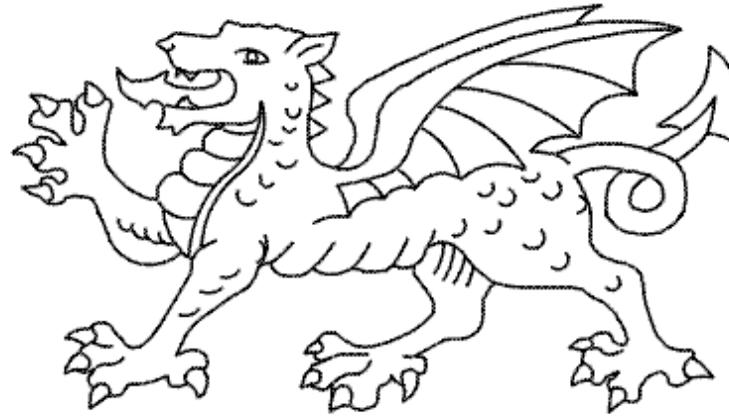
9/8 Cassie Thompson 9/11 Landon Price

Anniversaries This Week:

9/8 Paul & Doris Price 9/9 Randy & Sue Ann Skanes
9/11 Doug & Jan Jones

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Celebrating our 100th Gymanfa Ganu



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)
Melanie Huddleston (diagnosed with cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
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
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
John Smith (house lost to fire)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)
Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves)

In our passage today, James is restating that Old Testament truth not to judge by outward appearances. God looks at inside first, before He looks on outward appearances. In other words, God looks at your heart foremost. We all know that labels given by society can be very deceptive. We often say, "Don't judge a book by its cover." However, we all use labels, and we all make value judgments. James is telling us to look at Kingdom values, not this world's values.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *The teachings of Jesus clash with this world in how do we treat the poor and outcasts.* God values all people, not just the beautiful, rich and well-dressed adored by society.

Teaching Point 2: *Christ’s Kingdom ideals put the highest value on items like faith, honor, character, compassion, commitment, sacrifice, service and eternal life.*

Teaching Point 3: *The ground is level at the foot of the cross for everyone.* We will all stand before God to give an account for ourselves at the End-Times judgment.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.” (James 2:13 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Christ is building His Kingdom here on earth as a New World Order. Through the shed blood of Christ and our faith in Him making Him our Lord, we are united in a common faith as Christ-followers. That faith is so powerful it can transcend any differences here today. This was James’ plea to the Christians in Jerusalem, and it is his plea to us today. In the New World Order given by Jesus, it is our joy and responsibility to undertake the tough jobs and to build a group of people where love, peace, justice and kindness rule the day instead of the values of this world of favoritism. Let us think like Jesus, and let us treat everyone with respect no matter who they are. Remember, we are all the same before the cross!