

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2015
21th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 34

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*Hymn

Maesgwyn

Welsh Hymnal, 10

Prayer of Confession: **Lord, we pray for forgiveness this day; for choosing power over service, for seeking glory rather than humility, and for pushing ourselves to the front when our presence is needed on the sidelines. Help us know where we are needed, and how best to serve You and Your people. Guide us to Your side, that we may be Your hands of healing and compassion, for a world in need. In Jesus' 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

Youth Bell Choir

Scripture Readings

Mark 10:35-45

922

Hebrews 5:1-10

1091

A Time with the Children

*Hymn

Ebenezer

Welsh Hymnal, 11

Sermon

"Be the 'Last'"

Rev. Thomas Emery

Prayer

**Spirit of the Living God – fall fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God – fall fresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God – fall fresh 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

Diadem

Welsh Hymnal, 13

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Three Fold Amen

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.



The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd and family.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$84,747.00
Rec'd 10-11-15:	\$1,431.89	Rec'd to Date:	\$74,896.43

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
2:00 PM
4:00 PM

10-18-15

Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
Sunday School
Baby Shower
Session Meeting

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

10-25-15

Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
Sunday School

Announcements:

Please use the envelopes found in your bulletins for your donations to the **Lincolnview Bible Board**.

Session will meet today at 4:00 pm.

A baby shower will be held for Tamara Mullenhour today at 2:00 pm in the side room.

The **Senior Luncheon** for this month is on Wednesday, October 28, at 12:00 pm at the Lion's Club.

For donations to the **Van Wert County Food Bank**, please place your items in the barrel in the vestibule.

Please plan to put together a "shoe box" for **Operation Christmas Child** this year! Our church's collection day is November 22. Information on what can be included in the gift can be found on the table in the vestibule.

Please send in any information for the **November newsletter** this week!

Thank You:

Dear Salem Presbyterian Church,

*Thank you for taking part in the Pregnancy Life Center's **Walk for Life**. You had two walkers representing your church who raised \$500.00. This amount combined with all the walkers, gave us a record total of \$35,000.00 raised!*

Blessings, Trina Langdon (Director, PLC)

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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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Venedocia, Ohio

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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 (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)
Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Jay Mollenkopf (cancer – nephew of Doris Price)
Evelyn Pugh
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
John Smith (house lost to fire)
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)
Bill Wisher (car wreck – father of Madison Pugh's coach)
Kevin Thatcher (ALS)

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)

Birthdays This Week:

10/21	Randy Skanes
10/23	Bart Strick
10/25	Josh Hobbs

Anniversaries This Week:

10/21 Bob & Kathy McCollow

If you have a prayer request, please write it down and leave it in the offering plate or send an email to secretary@salemchurch.cc so that we can insert the prayer request with the correct spelling. Thank you!

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Be the Last” Mark 10:35-45
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In our context, James and John feel like they have a special relationship with Jesus. At least they feel they've somehow earned special consideration. Likewise, sometimes you and I go to God with that same type of attitude, don't we? We're Christians. We're church volunteers. We give generously to the church's work. We deserve for God to listen to our requests and to grant them even though God may have a different plan altogether. “Teacher,” James and John said, “We want you to do for us whatever we ask.” “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Jesus did not condemn James and John for their ambition.* Jesus wants his followers to seek after greatness.

Teaching Point Two: *We're all special to God.*

Teaching Point Three: *Jesus points to the path of discipleship.* On that path, they are called to accept whatever experiences are allotted them by God, even experiences equal in severity to those endured by Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

⁴³“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.” (*Mark 10:43-44 NLT*)

ACTION POINT

The story of James and John says to us that it's all right to be ambitious though misused ambition can be a dangerous thing. It also challenges us to seek a greatness the world simply cannot understand. We are called to serve others. I remember something a Christian athlete said years ago, “*In a world where the goal is to be in 1st place and even 2nd place isn't seen as good enough, we are called to be in 4th place. We're called to put God 1st, Family 2nd, Others 3rd, and Self 4th.*” That's a godly servant's heart.