Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, November 29, 2015 1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 25:1-10 492

*Hymn What Child Is This? 94

Advent Candle – Hope Kory, Tamara and Lucas Wayne Mullenhour

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Holy God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, and the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world. Lord, let us take in the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, and reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, and our hands to share. May our feet touch lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to You. 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 Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Readings

Luke 21:25-36
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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A Time with the Children

Sermon

*Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

"The Hope of 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 Joyful, We Adore Thee 38

*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 to the glory of God by the David and Jean Owens Family.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$99,216.00 Rec'd 11-15-15: \$640.25 Rec'd to Date: \$77,735.48



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Today: <u>11-29-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jan Jones)

10:35 AM Congregational Meeting / no Sunday School

Wednesday: <u>12-2-15</u>

Noon Senior Luncheon

Sunday: <u>12-6-15</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Ross and Alyssa Evans)

10:35 AM Advent Breakfast / no Sunday School

Announcements:

The **Salvation Army** has requested our church to collect **450 boxes of brownie mix** which you can place on the table by the elevators. Thank you!

The **congregational meeting** will be held today directly after the service including a vote on the budget.

There will be a Senior Luncheon held on **Wednesday, December 2,** at 12:00pm at the Lion's Club!

An **Advent Breakfast** will follow the morning service at 10:30 am in the church basement on **December 6.**

The family of **Evelyn Pugh** would like to thank everyone for the card shower and visits for her **80**th birthday on November **24**th.

We would also like to shower **Dave Owens** 90 cards on his **90th birthday on December 5th**. His address is: David Owens, 13373 Jonestown Road, Van Wert, OH 45891.

Consider giving a **Salem Church Christmas ornament**. They are \$12.00. See Ann Rees to obtain one.

Once again, we will be decorating the church with **poinsettias**. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia(s), see Carla or Lisa. They are \$5.00 each.

We have a new **Welsh flag** made and donated to us by the Welsh couple, Wayne and Glynis Orchard.

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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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Rev. Thomas Emery "The Hope of Family" 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Salem Presbyterian Church November 29, 2015

On this first Sunday of Advent, our Scripture lesson reminds us that Paul is thankful for the Thessalonians' continued faithfulness. Yet at the same time, he is very concerned about providing that young flock with what may still be lacking in their love and faith progress. They have love for one another like a family of God. But Paul knows how much deeper that love can develop. They have "received the word of God" (2:13), but Paul knows there's so much more to express to them. They have already been cheered on to "lead a life worthy of God" (2:12). But Paul hopes he can help them achieve a heart which truly shows the love of God. Paul tells the congregation what is required of it.

TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE - A true family is present for one another.

POINT TWO – A true family has mutual love.

POINT THREE – A true family has peace in their hearts by trying to be like Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

¹² And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows (1 Thessalonians 3:12 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Most families and church families are dysfunctional, but the members can still love each other and have the hope to strive for better relationships. The way we encourage a love for others is to mutually take a good, long, honest look at ourselves in deep reflection. And then look at the forgiveness we've been given through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We need to realize how much we have been forgiven so that in humbleness, we can forgive others.

The more our eyes are fixed on Jesus, the more we are in God's Word, and the more we see just how sinful we really are, we will realize how frequently He forgives us. Then, our love will grow and grow. At that moment in brokenness, we can humbly live as a true family of God in His love.

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)

Kevin Thatcher (ALS)

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)

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:

11/29 Kathy McCollow

11/30 Mike Breese

Anniversaries:

11/30 Herman & Nell Jean Wienken

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 have a contact person to follow up and to insert the prayer request with the correct spelling and details. Thank you!