

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, December 27, 2015**  
**1st Sunday After Christmas**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

**Psalm 148**

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\*Hymn

**The First Noel**

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Prayer of Confession: Leader: You are God’s people, God’s saints, God’s beloved community. Clothe yourselves, therefore, with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience with one another.

**Christ, work in our hearts. Help us to love others as generously as you love us.**

Be tolerant of one another. Be forgiving when someone offends you or treats you wrongly. Just as Christ has forgiven you, so you must forgive one another.

**Christ, work in our hearts. Help us to forgive others as freely as you have forgiven us.**

Clothe yourselves, above all, with love, which will join you together in perfect unity. You have been called to be one body; therefore, let Christ’s peace govern your hearts.

**Christ, work in our hearts. Help us to live in perfect unity with all whom you have called into your church.**

Gratefully make room for Christ’s Word to live in your heart. Challenge one another to live up to Christ’s teachings, and learn wisdom from one another.

**Christ, work in our hearts. Help us to live a truly Christ-like life.**

Sing to God with grateful hearts! Whatever you say or do, do it in the Name of the Lord.

**Christ, work in our hearts. Help us to live in a way worthy of Your Name. 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

Scripture Readings

**Luke 2:41-52**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

Christmas Carols

932

1074

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn

**What Child Is This?**

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Sermon

**“Put On the New”**

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**

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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\*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 the Lee Lare Family.*



December 27, 2015

**Today:** 12-27-15  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)

**Sunday:** 1-3-16  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)

**Sunday:** 1-10-16  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)  
10:45 AM Sunday School begins

**Announcements:**

Our condolences to the family of Larry Profit. Larry Profit's visitation will be on December the 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 and the funeral at 4 pm at the Alspach-Gerhart funeral home.

Our condolences to the family of Evelyn Hoverman who passed last Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider signing up to give the church flowers on the 2016 Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board.

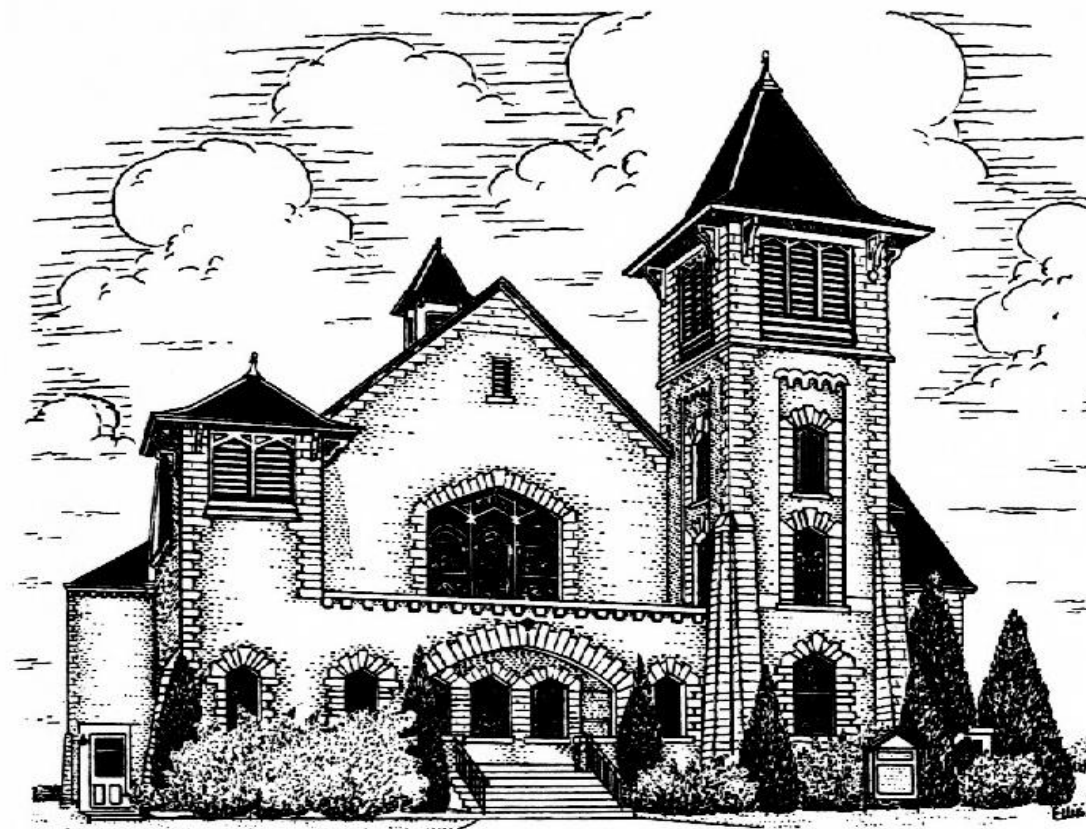
Judy Tolhurst will be our guest pulpit speaker for next Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Annual reports are due January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please give the email and mailing address of friends and relatives to the secretary to send the Bulletin to them each month; her email is [secretary@SalemChurch.cc](mailto:secretary@SalemChurch.cc)

**Financial Updates:**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date: \$103,350.00
Rec'd 12-13-15:	\$1310.25	Rec'd to Date: \$97,913.80
Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date: \$105,417.00
Rec'd 12-20-15:	\$2752.55	Rec'd to Date: \$100,666.35



**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**  
**“Put On The New” Colossians 3:1-17**  
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The early church had a new perspective on life. Once their fear of death and judgment was overcome, they lived differently than before. Think of the stories you have heard about people who have had near death experiences. Once they experienced that which they had feared, once they discovered for themselves that what the Church has preached for 2,000 years was true, once they had experienced firsthand the love and acceptance of the Creator, they came back to this life with new priorities. They lived the values of Christ: the love of God, a generous attitude toward one's neighbor, the nature of honesty, self-control and patience. Their lives were lived not in seeking pleasure, but in seeking to serve others. They had new principles: "Since, then, we have been raised with Christ, [let us] set [our] hearts on things above."

**TEACHING POINTS**

POINT ONE – *Put off the old self.* We should live for Christ and not our earthly desires.

POINT TWO – *Paul says we have to put on the new.* “Putting on,” then, has to do with a deep and transforming inner experience which reflects itself outwardly.

POINT THREE – *Put on Christ.* When Paul says, "Put on Christ," he is saying that we should live life as though Christ were living through us.

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (*Colossians 3:13 NLT*).

**ACTION POINT**

Living for Christ is a personal experience, a source of power to be used in rising to a rich new life. "You have been raised with Christ." You have a hidden inner spring of energy, for "your life is hid with Christ in God." The same almighty God who raised Christ from the dead, works in and through you. That's the way, it will be with us. When we put to death the old, and put on the new -- persons who have never taken a second look at Jesus may decide to do so, because they see Jesus in us.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)  
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)  
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)  
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)  
Kevin Thatcher (ALS)  
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)  
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

**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)

**Condolences to the friends and family of:**

Larry Profit  
Evelyn Hoverman

**Birthdays This Week:**

12/30 Isaiah Pugh  
12/31 Vicki Profit

**Anniversaries**

12/28 Doug & Marilyn Strickler

*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](mailto: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!*