

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 27:1, 4-9** 493

*Hymn **Ebenezer** *Welsh Hymnal*, 11

Prayer of Confession: **Lord, we have lived far too long in dark places of our own making. We have walled ourselves in, shut the world out, and held ourselves captive to our fear and failings. Free us from this place, Lord. Return us to a life in Your presence, where we may face the trials of this world with You by our side. Restore Your light to our eyes, that we may behold anew Your love in our lives. Hear us and help us. We wait in eager anticipation, for the glory of Your Salvation. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.** *(Take a moment of silent confession.)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings **Isaiah 9:1-7** 624

I Corinthians 1:10-18 1038

Time for Children

*Hymn **O Come, O Come Emmanuel (1, 2, 3, 5)** 83

Sermon

"Trust God in Crisis"

Rev. Thomas Emery

Offertory – *ushers will receive our tithes and offerings*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** 460

*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.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$1,934.00	Needed to Date:	\$5,802.00
Rec'd 01-15-17:	\$1,141.84	Rec'd to Date:	\$4,850.32

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

01-22-17

Worship Service *(nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)*
Sunday School

Wednesday:

6:00 PM
7:00 PM

01-25-17

Potato Supper
Prayer Service

Friday:

11:00 AM

01-27-17

March for Life (Fountain Park, Van Wert)

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

01-29-17

Worship Service *(nursery with Carol & Catie Emery)*
Sunday School

Announcements:

A one-hour Adult Sunday School class based on the book, **Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money**, meets in the back room at 10:45 am.

The new **flower chart** for 2017 is up on the bulletin board. This year, flowers will be used for *three* weeks. Please consider signing up and remember to contact the secretary if you have a special request of who you might be giving them in honor of. Thank you!

Please pick up a box of **Offering Envelopes** in the side room for 2017.

Annual Reports are available to the congregation today and the approval vote will be taken on Sunday, February 5.

Teens for Christ continues to meet each Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. Youth are invited to take part in the Christ-centered Bible study, skits, games, food and fun. Please contact Pastor for a ride.

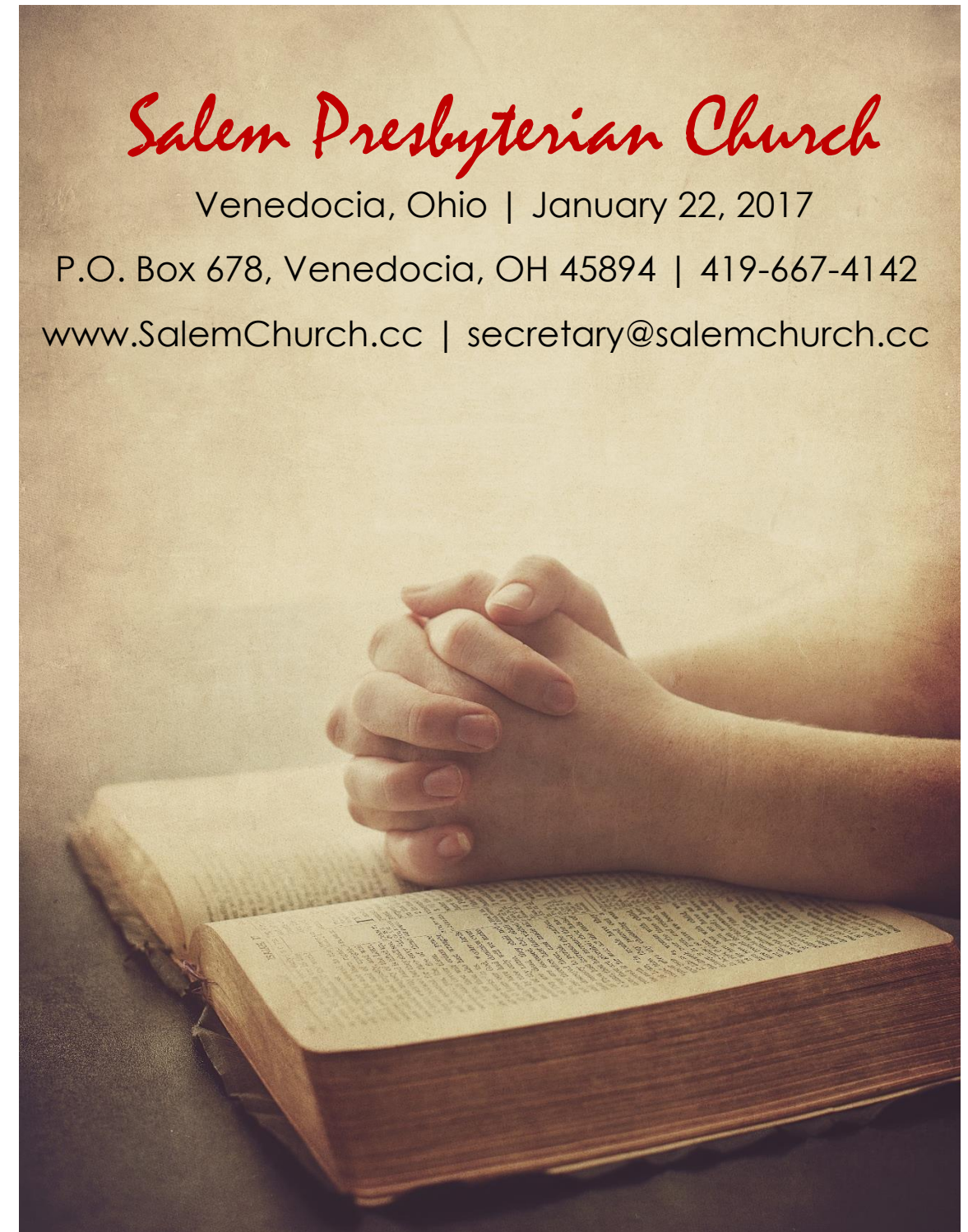
Please contact Pastor or Carol for your secretarial needs until a new **secretary** is hired. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for a new secretary!

The annual **Potato Supper** will be on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 pm and the **prayer meeting** will follow at 7:00 pm. The Confirmation Class will serve the meal.

Mini-March for Life will be held on Friday, January 27. Walkers, meet at 11:00 am at Fountain Park (VW). A lunch will be served at the K of C at 11:30 am (donations to PLC) and the prayer service will follow at 12:00 pm. Call 419-238-9177 for more info. **Please pray to end abortion.**

PCUSA Yearly per capita is due. This year, it is \$30 per person. Please mark your name on the envelope or check and who it is for. Thank you.

An **Exercise Class** is being planned to take place right here at Salem Church on **Thursdays** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm beginning February 9.



Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adam (diabetic issues)
Bob Allenbaugh (lung cancer – husband of LaDonna)
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Betty Lloyd
Elizabeth Markus (depression and salvation)
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
Chris Reichert (health issues)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Martha Walker (recovering from heart attack)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)
Ian (brain cancer)
Daniel Cruse (lymphoma cancer)
Simon Ibell (deadly birth condition)
Karen Payne (cancer)
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Kyle Mullenhour (successful kidney transplant – brother of Kory)
Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – God gave a promised sign that had to be trusted.

POINT TWO – Christ came into the world to bring light into darkness and hope into despair.

POINT THREE – This child was born for the benefit of us for all time.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6 NLT).

ACTION POINT

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