Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 19, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery		Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh			
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Prelude Lighting of the Candles					
Welcome & Prayer					
Call to Worship	Psalm 95	539			
* <u>Hymn</u>	Llef	Welsh Hymnal 56			

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time, we have attributed your miracles in our lives, to our own hands alone, Forgive us. For every time, we promised to trust you but turned to our own way, when your response did not come soon enough, or in in the way we expected, Grant us mercy. For each way, we put our own understandings above your wisdom; for each time, we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us, Forgive us. For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us, Forgive us. Quench our thirst with your grace, and remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession.)

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Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer	
*Hymn	Cwm Rhonda	40

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Scripture Readings	Exodus 17 Romans 5		63 1027		
Time for Children * <u>Hymn</u>	Blodwen		60		
Sermon	"The Lord	Is Among Us" R	ev. Thomas Emery		
Offertory – ushers will receive our tithes and offerings * <u>Response</u> <b>Praise God</b> Inside Front Cover *Prayer of Dedication					
* <u>Hymn</u> *Taking the Light into		hy Faithfulness	40		
*Charge and Benediction *Congregational Response <b>Three Fold Amen</b> Inside Back Cover					
*Those who are able are invited to stand.					
<u>Financial Update</u> : Needed Weekly: Rec'd 03-12-17:	\$1,934.00 \$ 675.50	Needed to Date Rec'd to Date:			
<b>Sunday:</b> 9:30 AM 10:45 AM 11:45 AM <b>Tuesday:</b> 7:00 PM	<u>03-19</u> Worship S Sunday So Session Mo <u>03-21</u> Teens for b	ervice (nursery Bill & chool eeting   <u>-17</u>	& Ruth Evans))		
Wednesday: 12:00 PM 7:30 PM	<u>03-22</u> Senior Lur Confirma	ncheon			

Sunday:

9:30 AM 10:45 AM 03-26-17 Worship Service (nursery Eric & Jenny Pugh) Sunday School

## Announcements:

**Sunday school** concludes Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University with the topic of mortgages and real estate today.

The **Converge Youth Conference** is at the Elida Fieldhouse Friday, March 31, at 6 PM and Sat. April 1st 9 AM – 11 PM. **Teens for Christ** continues to meet each Tuesday night at 7 PM at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Tom. **Confirmation Class** will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

V-FIT is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. It is open to both ladies and gents of all ages. Bring your water bottle and \$1 donation and prepare to have fun and get fit!

**Lenten Services** Eight churches from the surrounding area will share their pulpits with each other every Sunday throughout Lent.

March 19th at Kossuth Zion Methodist church w/Charles Johnson March 26th at Agape Fellowship Church w/David Howell

**Senior Luncheon is March 22 at noon.** They will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and playing Bingo. Bring a White Elephant gift and come enjoy the great food and join the fun!

<u>Upcoming Birthdays:</u>	20 th - Johnathon Morris	20 th - Brian Owens
22 nd -Toby Adkins	23 rd -Johh Hoehn	23 rd -Joyce Profit

## Upcoming Anniversaries: 23rd- Dean & Nancy Swygart

**Liz Hobbs** is the new church secretary. Please call or text information to phone number 419-303-2032 if you want information added to the bulletin.

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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

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Point Two – God always hears us.

Point Three – God delivers when we are obedient.

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## **ACTION POINT**

Free gushing water is grace. It is a sign of the soul of God that brings doom and deadness to life, and to a joyless fledgling nation, it changes discontent and grumbling into fulfillment. And so, it is most important for us to acknowledge God in our lives. God is always with us and always before us. But the benefit of God's presence is not maximized unless and until we acknowledge that existence. Israel received a special sign of God's covenant love. He gave them water, food, and moral commandments in the wilderness. Today, Jesus still feeds us with his Word. He gives the water of life. Are you thirsty? Why not reach out to God? The Lord is among us!

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