Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 26, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 23 491

*<u>Hymn</u> Mae D'eisiau Di Bob Awr 62

Prayer of Confession: Holy God, You call us to live in mystery. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in You, to live according to Your direction. Yet, we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of Your love. Yet, it's not easy to accept Your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, Holy Maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity. In the Name of Jesus Christ, 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

Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Isaiah Pugh/Boys Group

Scripture Readings 1 Samuel 16:1-13 257 Ephesians 5:8-14 1067

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn</u> O for a Thousand Tongues 46

Sermon: "God Looks Upon the Heart" 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 our tithes and offerings

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

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*Prayer of Dedication

*<u>Hymn</u> Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*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.

<u>Financial Update</u>:

Needed Weekly: \$1,934.00 Needed to Date: \$23,208.00 Rec'd 02-05-17: \$651.80 Rec'd to Date: \$20,059.55

Sunday: <u>03-26-17</u>

9:30 AM Worship Service (nursery Eric & Jenny Pugh)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: <u>02-14-17</u>

7:00 PM Teens for Christ

Sunday: 04-02-17

9:30 AM Worship Service (nursery Rex & Lisa Lloyd))

10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

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- all ages.

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

March 26th at Agape Fellowship Church w/David Howell April 2nd at Spencerville Friends Church w/ Tom Emery

Upcoming Birthdays: 28th- Norma Adams 28th- Ron Richards

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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Norma Adam (diabetic issues)

Violet Ashton (broken leg)

Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)

Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)

Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)

Doris Evans (cancer)

Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)

Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)

Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)

Sami Jones (shoulder surgery)

Betty Lloyd

Marian Morris (stage two cancer)

Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)

Joyce Profit (heart issues)

Chris Reichert (health issues)

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)

Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)

Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)

Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)

Martin Family (house fire - family in Spencerville)

Serving our Country:

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)

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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – It Is God Who Is in Control.

Point Two – God Looks at The Inward Character.

Point Three – God Selects the Unexpected to Be His People.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

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