Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, February 18th, 2018, 1st Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Em	1	Pianist: LaDonna Allenbo	lugh
Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer			
Call to Worship	Psalm 50:1-7		508
* <u>Hymn</u> :	A Mighty Fortress I	s Our God	36

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: O God, we are in need of forgiveness for our sins, committed either knowingly or unknowingly. We ask for forgiveness in the Name of Jesus Christ. To be made right with You, we long to walk in daily loving companionship with You. And, our hearts long to be with You and our loved ones for eternity. Give us Your faith and hope, that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!" And, that we may truly live for You the rest of our lives. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

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<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
<u>Joys & Concerns of th</u> Prayers of the People		
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer	
Special Music		Tamara Mullenhour
Scripture Readings	*2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9 2 Corinthians 4:3-6	328 919 1052

Time for Children

<u>Hymn</u> :	Milwaukee	Welsh Hymnal, 6
Sermon:	"Passing the Mantle"	Rev. Thomas Emery

*<u>Apostle's Creed</u>: 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

* <u>Response</u>	Praise God	Inside Front Cover
*Prayer of Dedication	on	
* <u>Hymn:</u>	How Great Thou Art!	37
*Taking the Light int	o the World	
00	diction esponse Three Fold Amen e are invited to stand.	Inside Back Cover
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<u>Financial Update</u> :			
Needed Weekly:	\$1,927.00	Needed to Date:	\$9,635.00
Rec'd 02-11-18:	\$1,099.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$7,358.95

Sunday:	<u>02-18-18</u>
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
11:45 AM	Session Meeting
Tuesday:	02-20 -18
7:00 PM	Teens for Christ (Spencerville)
Sunday:	<u>02-25-18</u>
9:30 AM	Worship (<i>nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd</i>)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
7:00 PM	Pastor Tom presenting at Agape Fellowship church

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School topic is a discussion of the world acclaimed Alpha Class. We will openly discuss our own questions and doubts about God and our own faith.

The **Teens for Christ** of youth from area churches meets on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Spencerville Nazarene Church. If you need a ride, call Pastor Tom to carpool.

The **Session Meeting** is today at 11:45, February 18. The next **Presbytery Meeting** is at 9:30 – 3:30, February 20 at First Presbyterian of Tiffin.

This year, we are continuing the **Lenten Season Pulpit Exchange** of Spencerville area churches. Pastor Tom will present at 7 pm, **February 25th**, at Agape Fellowship Church at 9250 Armstrong Rd. in Spencerville, Ohio (just off 117). We are hosting at Salem Rev. Jim Fletcher, of First Baptist Church, on **March 4th** with a light meal reception to follow.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the March newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u>.

Upcoming Birthdays

18th-Dalton Ellerbrock 21st Paul Price 18th-Marylin Foust 24th-Tim Price 19th-Corey Hobbs

Belated Anniversary wishes to John C. & Anne Morris on February 15th.



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Second. We have a life to live.

Third. We should live in the face of death.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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