Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 25th, 2018, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 22:23-31 491

*<u>Hymn</u>: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 38

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak our discipleship is. We can spend hours at the computer or TV, but only give You fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries and our hopes with You. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking Your vision and future for our lives. Forgive us for our lack of trust; for our faithless living; and for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus. Forgive us, so we may lay aside all that keeps us from You, so we may take up the life You offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Jan Jones

Scripture Readings *Genesis 17:1-17 12

Mark 8:31-38 919 Romans 4:13-25 1027 Time for Children

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy 70

Sermon: "A Friend of God" 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

*Prayer of Dedication

*<u>Hymn:</u> Diadem Welsh Hymnal, 13

*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: \$1,927.00 Needed to Date: \$13,489.00 Rec'd 02-18-18: \$1.099.00 Rec'd to Date: \$9,172.25

Sunday: 02-25-18

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)

10:45 AM Sunday School

7:00 PM Lenten Pulpit exchange at Agape Fellowship Church

Tuesday: <u>02-27 -18</u>

7:00 PM Teens for Christ (Spencerville)

Sunday: 03-04-18

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)

Celebrate St. David's Day

10:45 AM Sunday School

7:00 PM Lenten exchange at Salem, reception following service

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.

This year, we are continuing the **Lenten Season Pulpit Exchange** of Spencerville area churches. Pastor Tom will present at 7 pm, tonight, **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.

St. David's Day will be celebrated next Sunday; the reception will be in the evening with the pulpit exchange.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

25th-Bill McGee 27th-Kevin Fair 28th-Jean Owens

March 2nd-Marilyn Strickler



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David Hugh Evans

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Linda Howell

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Paula Jones (healing from fall)

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Carol Lee

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Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

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TEACHING POINTS

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Second. Abraham was courageous and generous because of his faith in God.

Third. Abraham knew that God offered a deep loving relationship.

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ACTION POINT

Will you be able to demonstrate Abraham's kind of faith? God will someday ask you to put everything on the line for Him, after all, He first gave it all to you. What will you do when you face the severe trial when God asks for what you love most - your prosperity, your health, your inspiration, or your child of promise? How much are you willing to give up, to let go, and to surrender? Will you believe that "Yahweh-Jireh; the Lord will provide"? If not, then talk to God about what you have made an idol in your life. Why not relinquish all you have to God as Abraham did, and take in the blessings of the loving journey with the Yahweh-Jireh God.

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