

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 25th, 2018, Palm/Passion Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Evans family



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle and Entry of the Palms

Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 554

*Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor 108

Prayer of Confession: **God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds, than stand alone. We like safety and security, while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "Hosanna" when everyone else is doing so, but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to You, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We ask You to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt; then pour out Your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 Jr. Choir/Bells

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 50:4-9a 667
John 12:12-16 980
Philippians 2:5-11 1069

Time for Children

Hymn: Llanfair *Welsh Hymnal, 44*

Sermon: "The Suffering Servant" 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

*Hymn: Huddersfield *Welsh Hymnal, 19*

*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:	\$21,197.00
Rec'd 03-18-18:	\$1,673.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$18,194.55

Sunday: 03-25-18
9:30 AM Worship Palm Sunday (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)
1:30 PM Session Meeting
7:00 PM Lenten Pulpit exchange at Friends Church in Spencerville

Tuesday: 03-27-18
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: 03-28-18
Noon Senior Luncheon

Thursday: 03-29-18
6:00 PM Maundy Thursday supper
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday service & Communion

Sunday: 04-01-18
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Flowering the Cross –One Great Hour of Sharing offering
9:30 AM Worship Easter Sunday (nursery available, but not staffed)

Announcements:

Tonight at Spencerville Friends Church at 7 pm, is the last **Lenten Season Pulpit Exchange** with Pastor David Howell.

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 **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesdays at 10 am and 7 pm. The **Senior Luncheon** will be this Wednesday, March 28th, at noon.

A **Graduation party for Savannah Rickard** will be held at the Ohio City Community building on Saturday, March 31st from 3 to 6 pm. The congregation is invited to attend.

We are bringing youth to the Lima-area **Converge Conference** at the Elida Fieldhouse Friday April 6, 5 pm to Saturday April 7th, 10 pm. If your grade 7-12 youth would like to attend, contact Pastor Tom or Carol to sign up. We also need adult chaperons.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

28th-Ron Richards



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Third. The servant sacrificially lives for others.

Fourth. The servant knows that God will vindicate Him.

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