

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 29, 2018, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn: Take Time to Be Holy 376

Call to Worship Psalm 14 485

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. Jesus used his power—serving, healing and nurturing others. **Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.** David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. **Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.** We pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. **We ask these things in Jesus' Name.** *(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**

Scripture Readings *2 Samuel 11:1-15 281
John 6:1-21 971
Ephesians 3:14-21 1065

Time for Children

Hymn: Calon Lan Welsh Hymnal, 66

Sermon "David Thought No One Knew, But God Knew" 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: Sanctus Welsh Hymnal, 30

*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:	\$55,883.00
Rec'd 07-22-18:	\$1,603.51	Rec'd to Date:	\$52,862.99

Sunday: 07-29-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)

Tuesday & Wednesday: 07-31-18 & 8-1-18
9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9:00 to 11:00

Sunday: 08-05-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)

Announcements:

The upcoming **Vacation Bible School** event will be held on Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 1st 9:30-11:30 AM. Helpers are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the back table or see Carol Emery.

The next **Communion** is August 5th.

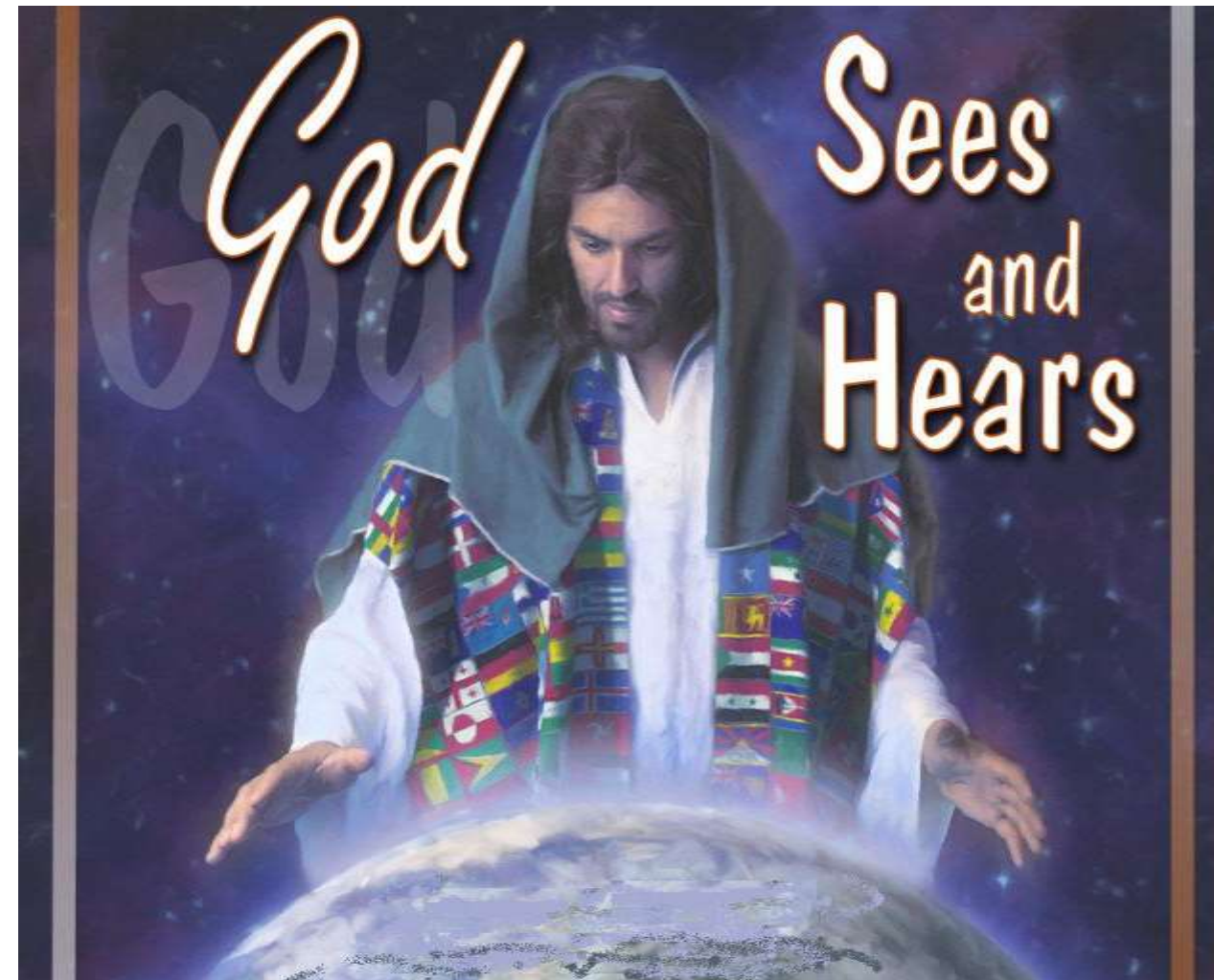
August 5th at 7 PM, Salem is hosting the **County-Wide prayer meeting** (we will need light meal items and volunteers).

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

Upcoming Birthdays

29th-Heather McClure
31st-Kristyn Jones
Aug 4th-Philip Eutsler

29th-Doug Strickler
31st-Zach Wise
Aug 4th-Don Owens



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Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
David Hugh Evans
Doris Evans (cancer)
Brenda Foust (serious stomach problems)
Jim Francis
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Lori Hunter (amputation)
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)
Jan Jones (health issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friends of Evelyn Martz)
Iris Linton (newborn hospitalized with blocked bowel)
Linda Lissey (cancer)
Jim Lloyd (healing from leg surgery)
Mary Ellen Lloyd
Bob Louth
Becky Martz (health problems)
Marian Morris
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Brent Price (recovering from heart attack)
Joyce Profit
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Bobbie Spyres
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

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FIRST POINT – We choose between Christ-likeness and evil.

SECOND POINT - We are accountable to God for the way we live our lives.

THIRD POINT – God shows us how to break the cycle of sin.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

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The lessons in all this are simple but hard. First, the Devil is close at hand tempting us. That’s true whether it is a young child who grows comfortable with lying or an adult who acts out sexually. Second, the Devil is not so hard to overcome. Speak up to him saying “no,” and you’ll be surprised how he flees from you. David’s lack of struggle with the Devil meant that others got hurt seriously. However, the account shows us that there is hope for David as well as for you and me that God isn’t finished with us yet!

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