

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 11, 2018, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
Flowers are giving to the glory of God by Dave & Jean Owens



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 127 561

*Hymn: The Star-Spangled Banner 528

Prayer of Confession: **Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what You would want us to do with them. We don't think that we have much to give. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth, in order to truly please and serve You. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to You, and to receive Your gentle touch and healing grace. Help us to remember that You have given to us blessings, to be used to bring joy and service to others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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 Double Quartet

Scripture Readings * Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 240
Mark 12:38-44 924
Hebrews 9:24-28 1094

Time for Children

Honoring our Veterans with short film and recognition

*Hymn: Immortal, Invincible 34

Sermon "God Is Active In the World" 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: Sandon Welsh Hymnal 27

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

**Those who can are invited to stand.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$1,927.00 Needed to Date: \$84,788.00
Rec'd 11-04-18: \$7,083.17 Rec'd to Date: \$84,285.65

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM

11-11-18 Veterans Day
Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
Joint meeting of Session and Trustees

Tuesday:
7:00 PM

11-13-18
Women's Bible Study

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM

11-18-18 Thank Offering
Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
Adult Sunday School

Thursday:
7:00 PM

11-21-18
Thanksgiving Eve Service and canned goods offering

Announcements:

Thank you to everyone who cooked or volunteered for the Election Day Supper.

We celebrate our veterans today and thank them for their service.

The **Women's Bible Study** will resume this Tuesday, November 13, at 7 PM, to go through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

Our church is collecting **packets of gravy** for the Salvation Army Christmas baskets. Our goal is 400 to 500 packages.

SHOEBOX PROJECT- For the last 25 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, November 18.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the December newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc or PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

11th-Sarah Kimmet

12th-Catie Emery

16th-Doug Jones



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Peggy Burnett
Jim Davis (cancer)
Mark Davis
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Judy Foust
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)
Jan Jones (health issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Beverly Koenig (cancer treatments)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friend of Evelyn Martz)
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Larry Lloyd
Bob Louth
Becky Martz (health problems)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (Vertebrae & internal surgery)
Marian Morris
Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Brent Price (recovering from heart attack)
Joyce Profit
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TEACHING POINTS

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