

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 18, 2018, 26th 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: Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah's Prayer 243

*Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People 526

Prayer of Confession: Rock of Salvation, You give children to the barren and strength to the feeble; You exalt the poor and lift up the needy. We want to praise Your holy Name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from You, from one another, from the world, and even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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 Jr. Choir-bells

Scripture Readings * I Samuel 1:4-20 242
Mark 13:1-8 925
Hebrews 10:11-25 1095

Time for Children

Honoring our Veterans with short film and recognition

*Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation (see insert)

Sermon "God Lifts Up the Lowly" 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: Diadem Welsh Hymnal 13

*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:	\$86,715.00
Rec'd 11-11-18:	\$4,424.30	Rec'd to Date:	\$88,409.95

Sunday: 11-18-18
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
 Thank Offering
 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 7:00 PM Van Wert County Prayer Meeting

Tuesday: 11-20-18
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 11-21-18
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service and canned goods offering

Sunday: 11-25-18
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, November 18, at 7 PM. We are going 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.

The **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** is today at 7:00 PM at the Convoy United Methodist Church, Sycamore and Main Streets, Convoy, Ohio.

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

29th-Kathy McCollow 30th-Mike Breese

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th-Dave & Jean Owens 30th-Herman & Nell Jean Wienken



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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)
Linda Lissey (cancer)
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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POINT ONE - We need to be sensitive to the needs of those at church.

POINT TWO – Though the omnipotent Lord may allow his people to endure trials and even oppression, God is just and will eventually deliver them from distress when they cry out to him for vindication.

POINT THREE – Finally, we learn from Hannah the persistence that is needed to claim God's grace.

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