Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 2, 2018, 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship:	Psalm 25:1-10	492
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Joy to the World	87
Lighting of the Hope /	Advent Purple Candle	Pete and Morgan Pugh

<u>Prayer of Confession:</u> Loving Creator, You call us to rejoice in Your promise of the birth that is to come, but we are afraid. You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away in fear. We long for an easy path into your promised world, but You warn us that there is no easy way. Birth new life within us, that we may abide in Your perfect love — the love that casts out fear. 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 <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
<u>Joys & Concerns of the</u> Prayers of the People	Church	
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer	
Special Music		Connie O'Neil
Scripture Readings	*Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	724 960 1076

Time for Children

* <u>Hymn:</u>	All Glory, Laud and Honor	108
Sermon	"The Coming Gift from 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

* <u>Response</u>		Praise God	-	Inside Front Cover
*Prayer of Dedicati	on			
* <u>Hymn:</u>	O Come, A	All Ye Faithful		100
*Taking the Light in	to the World	d		
*Charge and Bene *Congregational R		Three Fold Amen		Inside Back Cover
*Those who can are	e invited to	stand.		
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Financial Update:			
Needed Weekly:	\$1,927.00	Needed to Date:	\$90,569.00
Rec'd 11-25-18:	\$1,350.30	Rec'd to Date:	\$91,089.25

12-2-18 Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans) 9:30 AM Christmas Joy Offering 10:45 AM Advent breakfast 7:00 PM Van Wert County Advent Service 12-4-18 Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Wednesday 12-5-18 Senior Luncheon 12-9-18 9:30 AM 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh) Trustee Meeting Carolina Manse Party

#### Announcements:

4:30 PM

5:30 PM

7:00 PM

Sunday:

Tuesdav:

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The Women's Bible Study is this Tuesday, December 4, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The Van Wert County Advent Service is tonight at Trinity Friends Church at 7:00 PM.

The Salem Youth Christmas Program is on December 16.

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with poinsettias, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd

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

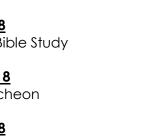
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the December newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc or PastorTomEmery@live.com.

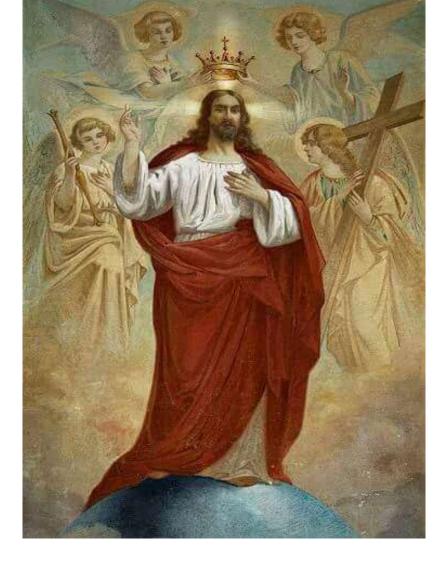
**Upcoming Birthdays** 

5th-Dave Owens

8th-Paige McClure 9th-Jason Lloyd

Upcoming Anniversaries 16th-Kent & Heather McClure





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