

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 27, 2019, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 29 494

*Hymn: Blessed Assurance 255

Prayer of Confession: God who Delivers and Redeems, we have failed to live into the promise of new life. We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation. Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world. 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**

Installation of Officers

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 43:1-7 658
Luke 3:15-17 935
Acts 8:14-17 999

Time for Children

*Hymn: Aberystwyth Welsh Hymnal 17

Sermon “We Are Named and Claimed” 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: It Is Well with My Soul 256

*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:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date: \$5,835.78
Rec'd 01-06-19:	\$1,364.26	Rec'd to Date: \$1,364.26
Rec'd 01-13-19	\$0-church closed	
Rec'd 01-20-19	\$0-church closed	

Sunday: 01-27-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
Annual Reports are due to auditors
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 01-29-2019
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 02-03-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
Souper Bowl of Caring
Reports available to the congregation
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, January 29, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The 2019 **Flower chart** is in the vestibule. Please sign up.

Annual church reports are due to the auditors today. Auditors to get reports to Liz Hobbs on January 31st.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

28th-Scott Fair
30th-John Smith
Feb 1st-John Lloyd

30th-Doris Price
31st-Carrie Jones
1st-Ashley McClure



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Kylee Ball (surgery)
Peggy Burnett
Jackie Coalson (COPD)
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
Mark Davis
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Judy Foust
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
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Tim Hurbert(cancer)
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Gwen Montez (surgery)
Marian Morris
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Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Walter Poling (heart attack)
Joyce Profit
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Rickard (mission trip)
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Shelly (vertigo)
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)
Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's dad)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – The Lord has named and claimed us as His adopted children.

POINT TWO – Baptism is a beautiful, tender picture of what election is all about.

POINT THREE – We must learn to draw comfort and strength from our baptism.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine (Isaiah 43:1 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The exilic journey of Israel is a paradigm of the physical and spiritual baptismal journey of the Christian. It begins in exile, in bondage to sin, in helplessness. Like the Israelites, we live in a foreign land under the rule of foreign powers. Like some of the Israelites, we have made our home in “Babylon,” opened shop, hung out a shingle, and become a part of the empire. We are deserving of God's wrath. We have become enemies of God. We need to look honestly at our situation. We need to acknowledge our sinfulness. We need to follow Christ's call upon us.

Our whole life, then, is a renewal of our baptism. It is also a growing into our baptism. It is a becoming what we already are, by baptism — our journey out of exile and into the Promised Land. It is challenging the principalities, speaking truth to power, and living by God's resources alone. It is the way to life and freedom, but it is scary. If we remember our baptism, however, we will have the assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

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