Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 10, 2019, 1st Sunday in Lent

 Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Flowers are given to the honor of God by Bill and Ruth Evans
 Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh Bill and Ruth Evans

 Prelude & Lighting the Candles
 Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

 Call to Worship
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
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* <u>Hymn</u>	40 Cwm Rhondda	Welsh Hymnal

*<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Holy Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for Your strength. **We ask Your** forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to Your will. We ask Your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need. **We ask for your** presence in our wilderness wanderings. May Your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey—a land made rich and abundant by Your saving love. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession).

*Assurance of Pardon *<u>Response</u> 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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 180 Luke 4:1-13 936 Romans 10:8b-13 1032 Time for Children

* <u>Hymn:</u>	Now Thank We All Our God	18
Sermon	"Give Thanks to the Dependable One"	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 re * <u>Response</u>	ceive our tithes Praise G	0	Inside Front Cover		
*Prayer of Dedication					
* <u>Hymn:</u>	Great Is Thy F	aithfulness	40		
*Taking the Light into the World					
*Charge and Benedict *Congregational Respo	Inside Back Cover				
*Those who can are invited to stand.					

<u>Financial Update</u> : Needed Weekly: Rec'd 03-03-19	\$1,945.26 \$2,061.30	Needed to Do Rec'd to Do			

Sunday:	03-10-2019 1 st Sunday in Lent	
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)	
10:45 AM	Sunday School	
5:00 PM	Trustee Meeting	
Tuesday:	<u>03-12-2019</u>	
7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	
Saturday:	<u>03-16-2019</u>	
6 AM to 2 PM	Lions Pancake Breakfast	
Sunday:	<u>03-17-2019</u>	
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)	
10:45 AM	Sunday School	

Announcements:

11:45 AM

Today's Adult Bible Study will explore the first eleven chapters of Genesis with the insight of the world's latest scientific thought on creation and evolution.

Session Meeting

The Women's Bible Study is this Tuesday, March 12, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The Lions Club Pancake Breakfast is on March 16 from 6 AM to 2 PM. From 10 AM to 2 PM, the Lions also will be hosting a **free vision test** for preschoolers and Kindergarten students at the Salem church.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

11th-Todd Morris 14th-Elijah Martz

14th-Larry Caffro 16th-Tom Emerv

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – We give thanks to God for His dependability.

POINT TWO – Expect life to be rough on everyone even with the promises of God.

POINT THREE – We can live in contentment because God's grace is enough for us.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

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