Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 17, 2019, 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Pastoral Welcome, Lent Play & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 27 493

*<u>Hymn</u> 40 Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal

*Prayer of Confession: We hear the call to trust in God always, but honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive. We remember how Abram dared to believe in God's promise. But belief like that is hard to come by. We are often inclined to think, "God helps those who help themselves," instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator. We forget the wisdom of scripture, which reminds us that we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves. With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles, and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull. Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession).

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Glory Be to the Father Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Luke 13:31-35 951

Philippians 3:17-4:1 1070

Special Music Joyce Morris

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn:</u> Now Thank We All Our God 18

Sermon "The Promise and Knowing the Promiser" 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

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*Prayer of Dedication

*<u>Hymn:</u> Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*Those who can are invited to stand.

<u>Financial Update</u>:

Needed Weekly: \$1,945.26 Needed to Date: \$19,452.60 Rec'd 03-10-19 \$984.80 Rec'd to Date: \$18,372.25

Sunday: <u>03-17-2019</u> 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)

10:45 AM Sunday School 11:45 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday: <u>03-17-2019</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>03-24-2019</u> 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

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

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, March 17, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

Senior Luncheon will be held on March 27th at noon.

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

20th-Jonathon Morris20th-Brian Owens22nd-Toby Adkins23rd-Josh Hoehn23rd-Joyce Profit28th-Ron Richards



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Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)

Jim Davis (cancer)

Mark Davis

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Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)

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