### Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 24, 2019, 3rd 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 63:1-8 516

\*<u>Hymn</u> 42 Groeswen Welsh Hymnal

\*Prayer of Confession God of abundance, You have promised to provide us with more than mere survival; in seeking to satisfy our deepest hungers, we shall find an even more profound sustenance than human imagination could envision. Forgive us, we pray, for our fearfulness, as we rely more upon our own human illusions of control and satisfaction, even though we know that these illusions separate us from You. Forgive us for not trusting in Your grace, in Your abundance, and in the covenant promises that You have renewed with every generation. In Christ, may we learn to love You more than we love ourselves. 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 \*Isaiah 55:1-9 671

Luke 13:1-9 950

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 1044

Time for Children

\*<u>Hymn:</u> All Glory, Laud and Honor 108

Sermon Seek Him While He Can Be Found 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

\*<u>Hymn:</u> Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty 13

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

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**Financial Update**:

Needed Weekly: \$1,945.26 Needed to Date: \$21,397.86 Rec'd 03-17-19 \$2,307.00 Rec'd to Date: \$20,679.25

<sup>\*</sup>Taking the Light into the World

<sup>\*</sup>Those who can are invited to stand.

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

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

10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: <u>03-26-2019</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: <u>03-27-2019</u>

Noon Senior Lunceon

Sunday: <u>03-31-2019</u> 4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)

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 26, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

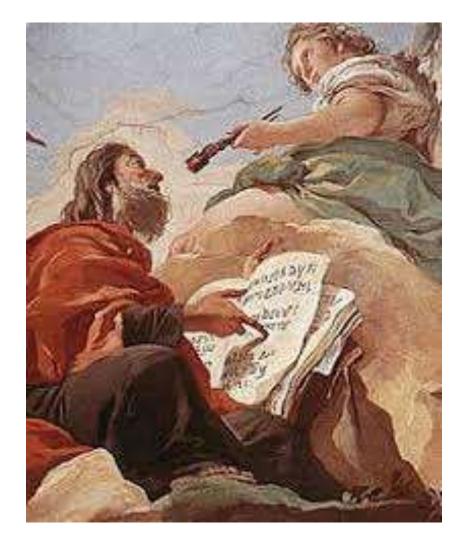
**Senior Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The Summersett family thanked our church for the flowers, the prayers, for visiting Warren, for sending cards, and Christmas caroling.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the April newsletter. Submit them to <a href="mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc">secretary@salemchurch.cc</a> or <a href="mailto:PastorTomEmery@live.com">PastorTomEmery@live.com</a>.

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

28th-Ron Richards



### IsaiaH Salem Presbyterian Church

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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)

Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)

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Becky Martz (health problems)

Marie Martz (thyroid issue)

Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)

Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)

Marian Morris

Chance Mosier (shoulder surgery)

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### **TEACHING POINTS**

POINT ONE – Who is the one who really does the seeking?

POINT TWO - Open Your Heart to His Presence.

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#### **ACTION POINT**

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