

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 5th Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
Flowers from Bob and Kathy McCollow are given in memory of
Hugh and Evelyn Pugh and Hod and Audrey McCollow

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Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 126 561

*Hymn 44. Llanfair Welsh Hymnal

Lent Play & Prayer

Prayer of Confession **Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory.** We are eager to worship You and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling our name. **We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit.** Forgive us when we forget Your promise to be with us always, O God. **Renew us with the power of Your ever-present love.** Strengthen us to proclaim Your justice throughout the world. **We pray in Christ's Name. 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

Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 43:16-21 659
John 12:1-8 980
Philippians 3:4b-14 1070

Special Music Double Quartet

Time for Children

*Hymn 60. Blodwen Welsh Hymnal

Sermon *God is Doing a New Thing* 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: We've a Story to Tell 423

*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: \$25,288.38
Rec'd 03-31-19 \$2,140.30 Rec'd to Date: \$24,268.55

Sunday: 04-07-2019 **5th Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 04-09-2019
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 04-14-2019 **6th Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:45 AM Session Meeting
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Today's Adult Bible Study will explore the "**American Gospel: Christ Alone.**" The Gospel has been coopted into Christ plus +works, +health, +wealth, and +miracles. The study will help you know how the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ has been distorted in America and how-to re-center your faith on Christ.

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, April 9, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

We will celebrate **Maundy Thursday**, April 18, beginning with a meal at 6 PM and a Service with Communion at 7 PM. The **Countywide Good Friday Service** is at the First United Methodist Church at noon, on April 19th.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

8 th -Andy Breese	12 th -MaKenna Kimmet
13 th -Sami Jones	16 th -Bill Evans
16 th -Anne Morris	



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Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
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)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Kale (nightmares)
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(colon cancer)
Barbara Lewis (heart attack)
Linda Lissey (cancer)

Bob Louth
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Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)
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Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
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Herb Summersett (prostate cancer)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God is about to do a new thing in our world.*

POINT TWO – *God sent his Son, Jesus, to this wasteland of ours — to give us hope, joy, and spiritual prosperity.*

POINT THREE – *Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

¹⁹ *For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it (Isaiah 43:19 NLT)?*

ACTION POINT

Don’t get stuck in the past with your knowledge and relationship with God. We see this phenomenon manifested in the ministry of Jesus. The people around him were so tied to what they had experienced in the past that they were unwilling or unable to recognize fully who and what Jesus was. The people of Nazareth were so stuck on Jesus' family of origin that they couldn't receive Him as anything more than the son of Mary and Joseph. Herod was so troubled by the guilty memory of John the Baptist that he could only imagine that Jesus was John come back to haunt him. The conjecturing crowds could only guess that Jesus was Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the past prophets. However, you and I serve a God who does not rest on His resume but does new things. God relates to us today, not yesterday. So too, we must not concentrate on the past but look to the present and future in relating to God. Why not ask God, what He is doing today and then attempt to be a part of it?

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