

# Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14, 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

Prelude & Lighting

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 31:9-16 495

\*Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor (Palm entrance) 108

Lent Play & Prayer

Prayer of Confession Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. **We are quick to flock to You when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism.** Too often we have kept silent before You, afraid to proclaim Your praise. **It is easy to join the crowd as You ride triumphantly into Jerusalem—singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams.** It is far more difficult to stand by You as the crowd cries for Your crucifixion. **Forgive our weakness when we turn away.** Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive Your suffering and death, that we might stay beside You to the end. **Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. 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 50:4-9a 667  
 Luke 22:14-23 960  
 Philippians 2:5-11 1069

Special Music Bell Choir & Jr. Choir singing

Time for children to be excused for crafts and teachings

\*Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing 55

Sermon *The Servant Leader* 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 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 107

\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*\*Those who can are invited to stand.*

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**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$27,233.64
Rec'd 04-07-19	\$1,467.21	Rec'd to Date:	\$25,735.76

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM  
10:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
5:00 PM

**04-14-2019 Palm/Passion Sunday**  
Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)  
Short Session Meeting (in Sunday School room)  
Sunday School  
Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:**  
7:00 PM

**04-16-2019**  
Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:**  
6:00 PM  
7:00 PM

**04-18-2019 Maundy Thursday/Communion**  
Meal  
Service with Communion

**Sunday:**  
8:00 AM  
9:00 AM  
9:30 AM

**04-21-2019 Easter**  
Meal  
Flowering of the Cross ceremony  
Easter Service (One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)

#### Announcements:

Today's Adult Bible Study will finish exploring 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 16, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All women are welcome.

We will celebrate **Maundy Thursday**, April 18, beginning with a meal by the Morris family 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. The **Venedocia Easter Egg Hunt** is at 1 PM in Memorial Park.

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

#### Upcoming Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup>-Bill Evans                      16<sup>th</sup>-Anne Morris                      20<sup>th</sup>-Kevin Matthews

#### Upcoming Anniversaries

21<sup>st</sup>-John & Mary Ellen Lloyd



*The Lord God has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
That I might know  
how to speak to the weary  
a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear.*

**Isaiah 50:4**

## ISAIAH 50

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
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)  
Aaron Francis (broken leg)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
Bob Hundley (cancer)  
Tim Huster (cancer)  
Jan Jones (health Issues)  
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Kale (nightmares)  
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**TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE – *The servant is intimate with God***

**POINT TWO – *The servant models godly service to others.***

**POINT THREE – *The servant knows that he will be vindicated.***

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will not be put to shame (*Isaiah 50:7 NLT*).

**ACTION POINT**

If we can bring our text down to a personal level for a moment, is this not a message for all of us servants of God? It is not easy to be a follower of Jesus Christ in our age and society. There are some in our world who are suffering torture and death for that faithfulness. But even in our country, we may be laughed at, shunned, denied opportunities because of our faith, and we may have to suffer to hold a marriage together or forfeit some material comforts or stand up to criticism and scorn for our way of life (1 Peter 4:1-6). After all, our Lord proclaimed that those of us who would be His disciples are required to take up a cross and die to our wills and desires. God never deserts His servants, and He will vindicate His own. As Paul writes, “If God is for us, who is against us?” (Romans 8:31). Nothing and no one can defeat us. And in the end, we shall be even more than conquerors through Him who loves us (Romans 8:37). A leader has his eye on God, and thus rises above the circumstances that surround him. Jesus modeled this in Passion Week. During Lent, why not consider “the tongue, the ears, and the eyes of Jesus,” the servant leader. Listen to the words of this passage as if you are hearing them spoken by Jesus to you.

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