

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Rev, Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
 Flowers are given in honor of all Mothers by Marilyn Foust



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 148** 571

*Hymn **May Jesus Be Praised** 73

Prayer of Confession: Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know You by many names, Lord. **Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you.** All that You do declares Your love for us. **Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where You are.** We even wonder who You are. **How quickly we forget that You are always with us.** Dispel our gloom and despair. **Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light.** Spread your table before us and feed us from Your hand. **Lead us in the paths of righteousness. It is in Your name that we pray. 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**

Baptisms of Bianca Delores Richards and Remi Jo Finn

Scripture Readings **John 13:31-35** 982
Acts 11:1-18 1003
Revelation 7:9-17 1122

Special Music

Sheila Collins

Time for Children

*Hymn **To God Be The Glory** 449

Sermon **A God Who Stands Beside Us** 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 God's tithes and our offerings.

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **Sanctus** Welsh Hymnal, 30

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$36,959.94
Rec'd 05-12-19:	\$1,301.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$36,150.88

Sunday: 05-19-19
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:45 AM Session Meeting

Wednesday: 05-22-19
Noon Senior Luncheon at the Lions Club

Sunday: 05-26-19 Memorial Day Celebration
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow))
10:45 AM Sunday School

Monday: 05-27-19 Memorial Day Service
10:30 AM Horeb Cemetery
11:00 AM Memorial Park

Announcements:

The **Baptisms** of **Bianca Delores** daughter of Steve and Lindsay Richards and **Remi Jo** daughter of Jon and Ashley Finn will take place today in the service. There is a **Session Meeting** at 11:45 AM. The **Senior Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at noon. The **Grad Party** for Catie Emery is at the church Sunday, May 26, 4-7 PM; everyone is invited. The **Memorial Day** celebration is at **10:30 AM at Horeb Cemetery** and **11:00 at Memorial Park** on Monday May 27th. The **Graduate Recognition** is on June 9th. The **Ice Cream Social** is on June 14, 4:30-7 PM; the sign-up sheet is on the back table.

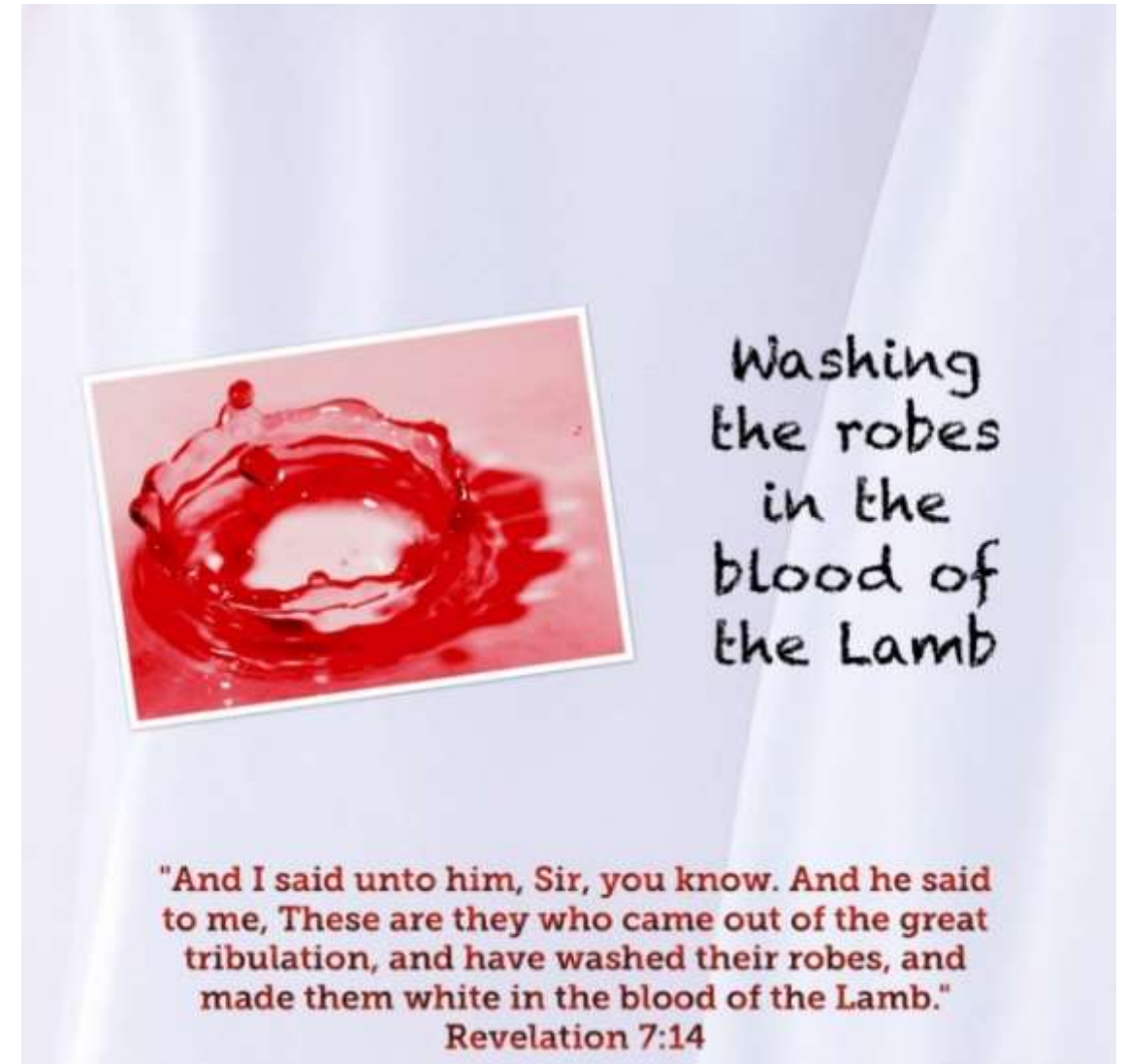
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the June newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

19th-Holden Price 22nd-Dawson Kimmet
23rd-Carolyn Girod 25th-Taylor Hoehn

Upcoming Anniversaries:

19th-Bart & Rosemary Strick 20th-Mark & Missy Zielk



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Prayer Concerns:

Kylee Ball (surgery)
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Peggy Burnett
Billie Coalson (agent orange)
Jackie Coalson (COPD)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
Mark Davis
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
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)
Linda Howell (hospice)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Kale (nightmares)
Nancy Lautzenheiser
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Barbara Lewis (heart attack)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth
Becky Martz (health problems)
Evelyn Martz (cancer)
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)
Marian Morris
Dorothea Plikerd
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Shelly (vertigo)
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)
Herb Summersett (prostate cancer)
Doug Wierwille (cancer)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God is gathering a multicultural people from every tribe, tongue, and nation.*

POINT TWO – *All believers should expect suffering.*

POINT THREE – *The only proper response to God’s sustaining presence and protection is worship.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

¹⁷ For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17).

ACTION POINT

No saint escapes some troubles when they begin to follow Christ. But this passage emphasizes victory more than pain. Throughout the great story of the Bible, God has sustained His people with His protective presence. God has always desired to live among His people (e.g., the tabernacle, the temple, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the new heaven and new earth). The fantastic celebration portrayed in 7:9–17 reminds us that our present sufferings are not worthy of being compared to life in God’s glorious presence in the future (see Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17–5:1; Jude 24–25; Rev. 21:1–4). We must remember that our worldly happiness is conditional while Christian joy is eternal. Why not turn to Christ in full commitment to experience in this life a taste of joy eternal in the here and now before we enter eternity?

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