

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Rev, Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Be Thou My
Vision 334

Call to Worship Psalm 77:1-2. 11-20 526

Prayer of Confession: Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom—**freedom to follow or to turn away**; freedom to love or to hate; **freedom to heal or to hurt**. You ask only that we follow your ways, **loving our neighbors as ourselves**. In the midst of our turbulent lives, **help us find teachers to show us the gifts you set within us**. And help us claim these gifts today. **For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please 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 2 Kings 2:1-14 328
Luke 9:51-62 945
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 1062

Time for Children

*Hymn How Firm a Foundation 268
Sermon *The Chariot of Fire* 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 Calon Lan *Welsh hymnal, 66*

*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: \$48,631.50
Rec'd 06-23-19: \$1,167.00	Rec'd to Date: \$50,590.03

Sunday: 06-30-19
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday: 07-07-19
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday: 07-14-19
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Vacation Bible School is 9:30 to 11:30 AM on July 30-31st.

Volunteers are need for Vacation Bible School. Please contact Pastor Tom or Carol if you are able to help on July 30th and/or 31st.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

30th-Shania Profit Jul 1st-Gloria Leiter 1st-Owen Pugh
2nd-Lynette Lloyd 6th-Charles Boroff

Upcoming Anniversaries:

Jul 1st-Jack & Gwenda Blackmore 4th-Toby & Elizabeth Adkins



- 2 Kings 2: 1-14 -

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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)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser
(colon cancer)
Barbara Lewis (heart attack)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth
Becky Martz (health problems)
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)
Marian Morris (failing health)
Dorothea Plikerd
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Shelly (vertigo)
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)
Bruce Taylor (need liver transplant)
Doug Wierwille (cancer)
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *We should make ourselves busy building God’s kingdom while on earth.*

POINT TWO – *We must keep our faith in the face of death.*

POINT THREE – *We should plan on leaving behind a legacy blessing.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

¹¹ *As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven.* ¹² *Elisha saw it and cried out, “My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!” And as they disappeared from sight, Elisha tore his clothes in distress (2 Kings 2:11-12 NLT).*

ACTION POINT

The essence of Christian maturity comes with the realization that God, through his Son Jesus, has connected us to a life that is bigger than today. To be a mature Christian is to be committed to the idea that the most significant mission outreach program of the church is yet to happen as we follow God’s will. Elijah reappeared on the earth later the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus. There with Moses, Elijah talked with Jesus while the disciples, in awe and fear, ran around offering to build shelters. What did Elijah and Jesus talk about on the Mount? Could it be that Elijah encouraged Jesus as He moved towards His impending self-sacrifice on the cross? This encore episode reminds us that God uses ordinary people like you and me and blesses them with a calling to share the Gospel. Why not now ask God how to be of service to Him?

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