

Salem Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 7, 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 Blessed Assurance 255

Call to Worship Psalm 30 494

Prayer of Confession: O God of hope and healing, we confess that our lives are often marked by brokenness and sin. **We turn to You in the hope that Your hand will pass over us and we will be healed.** Yet in our desire for salvation, we prefer healing that comes in our own way and on our own terms. **When You do not respond according to our expectations, we turn away in anger and disappointment.** Have mercy on us when we grow impatient with Your timing, desiring our own. **Grant us the humility to receive the words of the humble and lowly.** Open our ears to the council of the servants You send us, so that we may be guided into Your path of healing. **Make us whole we pray.** Wash us and make us clean. **And grant us faith beyond all fear, so that we may be clothed with Your joy and give You thanks forever. We pray 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 5:1-14 332
Luke 9:51-62 945
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 1062

Time for Children

*Hymn God Will Take Care of You 297

Sermon *The Greatest of Expectations* 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 Diadem *Welsh hymnal, 13*

*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:	\$50,576.76
Rec'd 06-30-19:	\$2,380.30	Rec'd to Date:	\$52,970.33

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

Thursday: 07-11-19
Noon to 6 PM Youth event at Camp Clay

Sunday: 07-14-19
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting
7:00 PM Countywide Prayer Meeting at Salem

Announcements:

The Summer Youth Event is at Camp Clay this year on Thursday, July 11 from Noon to 6 PM.

Funeral arrangements for Bob Bolton follow: calling at 2 PM, Funeral service at 3 PM, with a light meal to follow at 4 PM on Saturday, July 13, at our church. We need servers, desserts, and salads.

Salem is hosting a **Van Wert County Prayer meeting** Sunday the 14th at 7 PM. Please sign up for dishes and for serving after the event for the reception.

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 August newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

10th-Tuzz Hobbs 10th-Mark Zielke 12th-Kristen Dunlap
13th-Cory McCollow 15th-Barb Good

Upcoming Anniversaries:

15th-Tuzz & Liz Hobbs 24th-Ruth & Bill Evans



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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)

Serving our Country:

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Corey McColow (U.S. Cost Gurard)

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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
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)
Bruce Taylor (need liver transplant)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Naaman's resistance to Elisha's instructions is not unlike the resistance some of us may feel to some of the church's prescriptions for the healing of our souls.*

POINT TWO – *An option only has power when it becomes a decision.*

POINT THREE – *Don't let our expectations limit us.*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Naaman had looked to the Elisha for a cure based on the recommendation of an Israelite slave. The way Naaman was healed made it clear to him that Elisha’s God is not an impersonal prophetic power. The healing was delivered by the living Lord at a distance from the prophet. It is the directness of God’s action that convinced Naaman of God’s reality. It is the living Lord, and not Elisha, who must take center stage. Naaman’s response reveals his grasp of what has happened, and he will never again worship any other god. Likewise, the world around us is searching to know the true God; you are the means to lead them to God through Jesus Christ. Why not be forthright about your faith and share it with others?

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