

Salem Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Rev, Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Doris Evans



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn I Surrender All 394

Call to Worship Psalm 82 531

Prayer of Confession: You stand beside a wall with a plumb line in Your hand, Lord—**the wall that I have built**. What once was a straight, strong wall of protection, **and was a sanctuary against all that might harm me**, is now revealed as a bowed, bulging, weak wall of separation. **I have used it to conceal myself within a dark prison of my own making**. I know that Your perfect judgment finds me wanting. **Free me, Lord**; I am my own worst enemy. **Level my feeble fortress** and rebuild me in the strength of Your love and Your forgiveness. **Lead me from my darkness into Your light**. - **We pray this together 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 Amos 7:7-17 840

Luke 10:25-37 946

Colossians 1:1-14

1072

Time for Children

*Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be 393

Sermon *God's Plumb Line* 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 Huddersfield *Welsh hymnal, 19*

*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:	\$52,522.02
Rec'd 07-17-19:	\$3,257.15	Rec'd to Date:	\$56,227.48

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

Sunday: **07-21-19**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

Thank you, for those who assisted with Bob Bolton's funeral and the reception.

Salem is hosting a **Van Wert County Prayer meeting** tonight 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.

Terry Profit is undergoing chemotherapy for Amyloidosis which is not curable but with treatment can go in to remission. His treatment will be once a week for 3 weeks with one week off for a total of 6 months. He is currently going to Cleveland Clinic but will be home in between treatments and can most definitely use our prayers and support. Home address is 14830 Wren Landeck Road, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

15th-Barb Good 16th-Ron Owens
18th-Marjorie Eutsler 22nd-Dave Rees

Upcoming Anniversaries:

15th-Tuzz & Liz Hobbs 24th-Ruth & Bill Evans
25th-David & Nancy Jo Breese 27th-Jeff & Kelly Lloyd



AMOS 7:7-17 GOD'S PLUMB LINE

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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
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)
Doug Wierwille (cancer)
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Society is out of plumb.*

POINT TWO – *Be the kind of person that God is seeking.*

POINT THREE – *Focus on the promise of God.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” I answered, “A plumb line.” And the Lord replied, “I will test my people with this plumb line. I will no longer ignore all their sins. (Amos 7:8 NLT).

ACTION POINT

However hard we try, none of us are righteous people. But it is only as we are honest with our sinfulness that we can appreciate the enormity of God's grace that continues to love us. Our fate depends upon our understanding that God does have a standard of justice and mercy and expects us to be responsive to it. We live in a world and society that desperately needs to hear the words of the prophets. We need to listen to these words, not because they are comforting but because they shake us out of any temptation to complacency. Why not ponder the words of 1 John 1:8-9 and realize that we all have some getting right with God: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is just will ... cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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