

Salem Presbyterian Church

17^h Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Jean Owens



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 36

Call to Worship 4 The Commandments Back of Hymnal page 466

Prayer of Confession: Lord, with the weepers, we weep. **With the warriors, we yearn for peace.** With the exiles, we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from You. **We live in an uncertain world—time and again we turn to people who promise us security.** But God, You are our only source of safety. **Help us turn to You, our heart's true home.** Call us again and lead us home. **Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in You.** You are the source of every blessing; forgive us for the multitude of our transgressions. **Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace. 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

Scripture Readings *Lamentations 1:1-9 748
 Luke 17:5-10 954
 2 Timothy 1:1-14 1084

Time for Children

*Hymn I Need Thee Every Hour 318

Sermon Seeing Our Way Through Grief Rev. Thomas Emery

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Hymn **Penpark** *Welsh Hymnal, 26*

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

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:	\$75,865.14
Rec'd 09-29-19:	\$1,743.67	Rec'd to Date:	\$75,054.76

Sunday:
9:30 AM **10-06-2019** Worldwide Communion
Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)
Congregational Meeting- vote to move Memorial Fund
Call for the Nomination Committee to meet today
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class / also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Tuesday: **10-08-2019** Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Sunday: **10-13-2019**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class / also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Don't forget the **Prayer Sheet** is on the back table which will be read during our prayer time.

Women's Bible Study will be held Tuesday, **October 8th, at 7 PM**. All women are invited.

The **Election Day Dinner** is **November 5th** from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at the Lion's Club. Please sign up to volunteer, provide food, or donate money to make this event a success (sign-up sheet at back of church).

The **Shoebbox Project** - For the last 26 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, **November 24**.

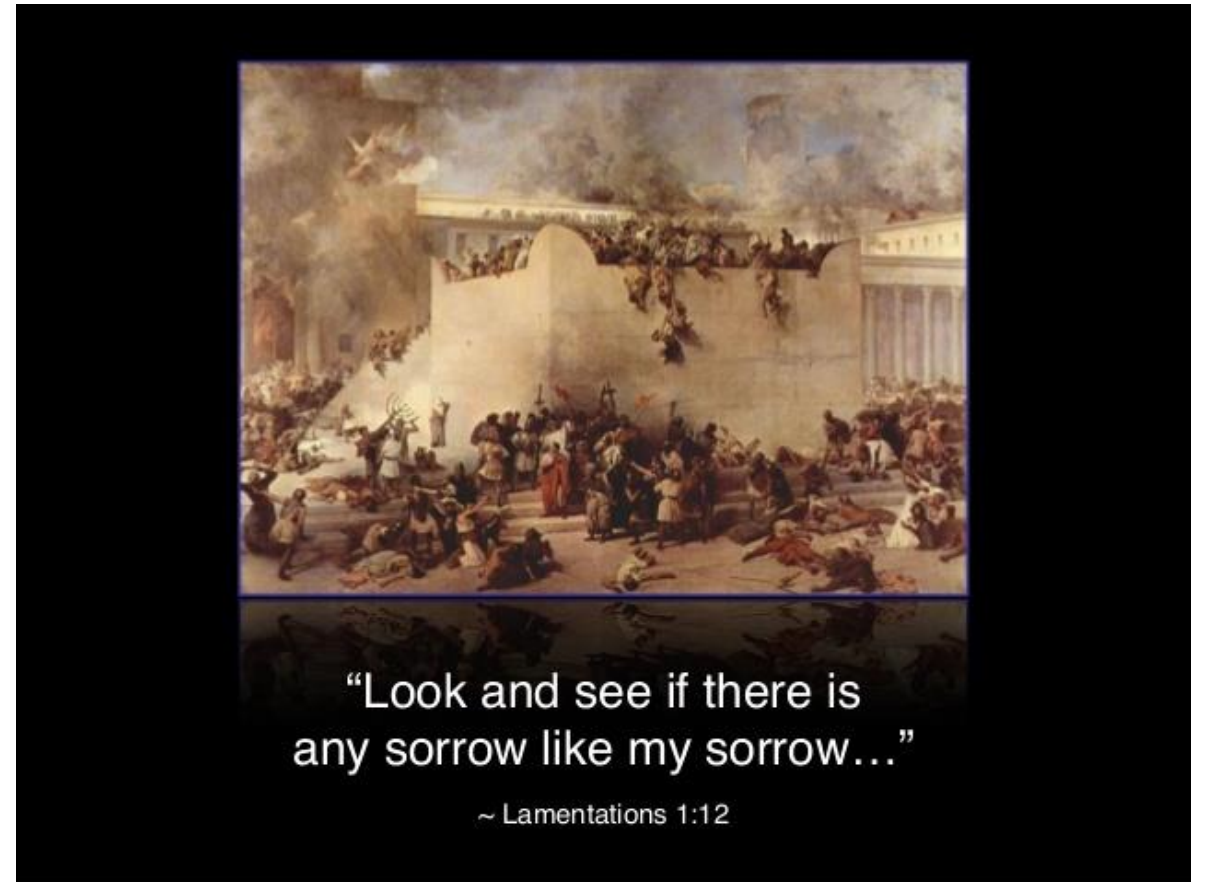
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the November newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

8 th -Bob McCollow	13 th -David Breese	13 th -Carter Dunlap
13 th -Kayla Owens/Mumford	14 th -Jason Kimmit	

Upcoming Anniversaries

7 th -Jason & Sarah Kimmet	21 st -Bob & Kathy McCollow
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Prayer Concerns

Jayne Lloyd Arnold-health issues
Kylee Ball (surgery)
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
John Davis (eye surgery)
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Connie Johnson (cancer)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth (heart problems)
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
Becky Martz (tests)
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)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *A is for Feeling Abandonment.*

POINT TWO – *B is for Feeling Brokenness.*

POINT THREE – *C is for Crying.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

She defiled herself with immorality and gave no thought to her future. Now she lies in the gutter with no one to lift her out. “LORD, see my misery,” she cries. “The enemy has triumphed” (Lamentations 1:9 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Jerusalem feels that she has no one to whom she can turn. Her illicit lovers have rejected her. Her false God-denying priests are dead. Her enemies laugh at her. She is alone in her grief and disappointment. When catastrophe strikes, one of a few responses is possible. One can allow the grief to overpower us, and we fall under the weight of it. Or one can turn to God, believing in God’s love despite the facts before us. Why not choose to believe in the Covenant God? Why not also reach out and help others telling them about our faithful and merciful God?

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