

Salem Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 27, 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 65 516

Prayer of Confession: **Loving God, we know that in every generation You call forth prophets to proclaim Your Word. We give You thanks that You are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet, we confess that we fail to hear Your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of Your reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to Your presence and Your promise. 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 *Joel 2:23-32 832
Luke 18:9-14 955
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 1085

Time for Children

*Hymn Amazing Grace 236

Sermon "Looking Past the Time of the Locusts" 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 Mae D'eisiau Di Bob Awr *Welsh Hymnal, 62*

*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:	\$81,700.92
Rec'd 10-20-19:	\$1,212.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$84,820.52

Sunday: 10-27-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
Budget/Nominating information due
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class / also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Tuesday: 10-29-2019 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Sunday: 11-3-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
All Saints' Day
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class / also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM

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 29th, 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 **Shoebox 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**.

We need one more person to volunteer to fill a Session vacancy. The Session has proposed several changes. The November 10th Trustee Session Meeting has been changed to 12:30 PM. Unless this year's Thanksgiving Eve Service is better attended this year on November 27th at 7 PM, the following years' service will be cancelled. We are collecting 550 to 600 gravy packets this year for the Salvation Army; the cutoff date is December 8. Session is proposing that the Thanksgiving Eve event for this year provide packets instead of canned goods. Finally, the Christmas Caroling will start at 4 PM on December 15, and the Christmas Eve Service will be moved from 10 PM to 9 PM for the children.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

28th-Keaton Adkins
30th-Jeff Coil

29th-Nancy Swygart
Nov. 1st-Avery Zielke



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Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Catie Emery (constant nightmares)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
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)
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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Marian Morris (failing health)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *In this world, the years of the locusts come upon all of us.*

POINT TWO – *They come for many reasons*

POINT THREE – *The God of love is not content to just get rid of the locusts: this God wants to give us all the blessings we missed while we were feeding them.*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

In Joel 2:18–32, God looks beyond the judgment to the future time of restoration. A critical element of this time that the prophets discuss regularly is the Presence of God. Persistent and flagrant sin such as idolatry and social injustice will drive away the Presence of God from Israel, but in Joel 2:27–32, God promises a new era when his Presence will be experienced by his people much differently than in the past. Then in Joel 2:28–32, God makes the spectacular promise that he will put his Spirit within his people. This is a radically new and dramatic promise of a special new way people will experience the Presence of God. God's people will be delivered and will know God's Presence in this very special way that includes salvation for those who trust in God, but also a terrible judgment on those who defy him (2:31–32). Once we are filled with the goodness that only God can provide to us, we will have no excuse for not being the people God has called us to be. Why not take the time now to reconnect with God?

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