### Salem Presbyterian Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 3, 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			
* <u>Hymn</u>	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	204	
Call to Worship	Psalm 119:137-144	558	

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, been guilty of pride and unbelief, and guilty of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me, and everything that prevents me taking delight in You. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (*Please take a moment of silent confession*).

Assurance of Pardon

<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father Inside Front Cov	
Joys & Concerns of the Prayers of the People <u>Prayer Response</u>	<u>Church</u> The Lord's Prayer	
Scripture Readings	*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Luke 19:1-10 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	856 956 1078
Special Music		Jr. Bell Choir

Time for Children

* <u>Hymn</u>	Open My Eyes, That I May See	163
Sermon	"How Long and How Come?"	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.

<u>Response</u> *Prayer of Dedicati		se God	Inside Front Cover	
* <u>Hymn</u>		Diadem	Welsh Hymnal, 13	
<u>Naming of the Saints</u> : David Williams, Jerry Agler, Sharon Raney, Linda Young, Warren Summersett, Kim Owens, Alice Schaufelberger, Joyce Profit, Herman Wienken, Joan Shellene, Linda Howell, Evelyn Martz, Wayne Gamble, Marjorie Fronefield, Bob Bolton, Bill Stewart, Bob Hundley *Taking the Light into the World				
*Charge and Bene *Congregational Re	diction	Three Fold Amen	Inside Back Cover	
*Those who are able are invited to stand.				
Financial Update				
Needed Weekly:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$83,646.18	
Rec'd 10-27-19:	\$2,499.55	Rec'd to Date:	\$87,320.07	

Sunday:	<u>11-03-2019</u>
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
Tuesday:	<u><b>11-05-2019</b></u> Please vote today and attend the Election Day Dinner at the Lion's Club. No Bible Study tonight.
Sunday:	<b>11-10-2019 Veterans Day Service</b>
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
11:30 AM	Confirmation Class / also held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM
12:30 PM	Trustee/Session Meeting to approve the budget. Session meeting
	follows.

#### **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 resume Tuesday, November 19th, at 7 PM. All women are invited.

The **Election Day Dinner** is **November 5<sup>th</sup>** 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**.

Unless this year's Thanksgiving Eve Service is better attended this year on November 27<sup>th</sup> 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 December newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u>.

#### **<u>Upcoming Birthdays</u>:**

5<sup>th</sup>-Carla Breese 10<sup>th</sup>-Lucas Mullenhour 5<sup>th</sup>-Marjorie Rhodes 11<sup>th</sup>-Sarah Kimmet 5<sup>th</sup>-Missy Zielke 12<sup>th</sup>-Catie Emery

# WHERE ARE YOU GOD?

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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

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**POINT THREE** – God will make all things right in His perfect timing.

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