

# Salem Presbyterian Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 10, 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

Posting of the Flags and the Pledge of Allegiance

\*Hymn Battle Hymn of the Republic 530

Call to Worship Psalm 98 540

Prayer of Confession: Lord God, we ask that by Your holy light that You illuminate the instances in our lives where we have not lived up to Your Name. **We denounce “obvious” evils in our society such as murder, rape, domestic violence, thievery, and sexual exploitation.** However, we often fail to remember that Your gospel calls us to see the world as You see it – from the vantage point of the “least of these.” **We see societal ills that blatantly disobey Your Word; help us to speak up.** We confess that we have not been extravagantly generous with our time, resources, or prayers. **Convict us to act in the Name of Jesus Christ for justice and mercy, just as You have shown toward all.** Remind us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. **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	*Haggai 1:15b-2:9	863
	Luke 20:27-38	958
	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	1078

Special Music Jan Jones

Time for Children

\*Hymn God of Our Fathers 532

Sermon “*God Comes First*” 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 Deemster *Welsh Hymnal, 29*

\*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

<b>Needed Weekly:</b>	<b>\$1,945.26</b>	<b>Needed to Date:</b>	<b>\$85,591.44</b>
<b>Rec’d 11-03-19:</b>	<b>\$1,827.00</b>	<b>Rec’d to Date:</b>	<b>\$94,147.07</b>

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
11:30 AM  
12:30 PM

**11-10-2019 Veterans Day Service**  
Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)  
Sunday School  
Confirmation Class / Next class Weds. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Trustee/Session Meeting to approve the budget. Session meeting follows.

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM

**11-17-2019**  
Worship w/guest speaker Kevin Clancy  
Thank Offering (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)  
Budget & nomination reports available for review

**Announcements:**

Thank you, for all those who volunteered, made dishes and supported the Election Day dinner to make it a success again this year.

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 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM.** All women are invited.

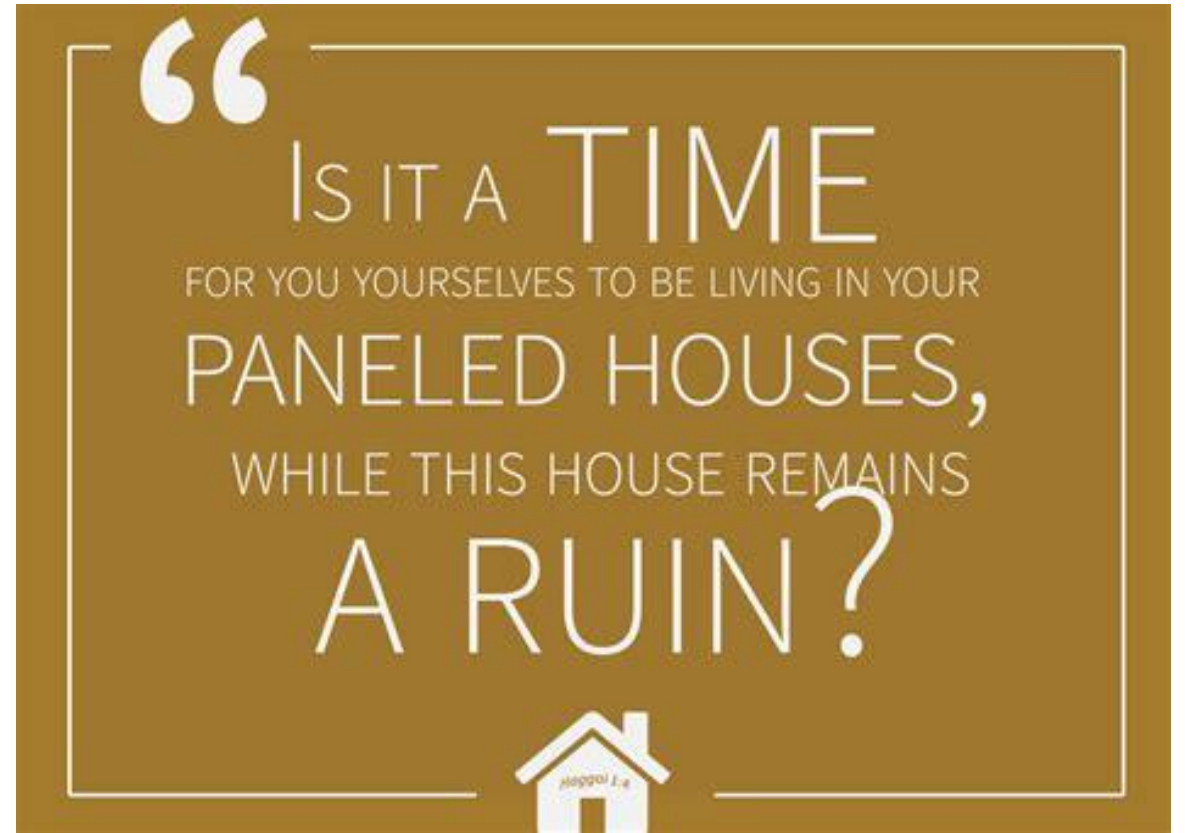
The **Shoebox Project** - For the last 26 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, **November 24.**

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with **poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** or sooner.

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 [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays:**  
10<sup>th</sup>-Lucas Mullenhour    11<sup>th</sup>-Sarah Kimmet    12<sup>th</sup>-Catie Emery    16<sup>th</sup>-Doug Jones



**Haggai 1:15b-2:9**

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Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
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)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
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)  
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Marian Morris (failing health)  
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Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
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**TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *A church doesn’t matter. It’s just a place.*

**POINT TWO** – *What matters is that God is first, that God is **THE GOAL!***

**POINT THREE** – *The various projects in our lives are our responses to the gift of God's presence in our lives.*

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