

# Salem Presbyterian Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Dave VanTilburg



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 40:1-11 502

\*Hymn Trust and Obey 261

Prayer of Confession: Faithful God, You call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner. **You call us to be Your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do Your work.** You put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words. **You show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do.** Put Your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in You. **Guide us into the light of Your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of 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**

Installation of Officers

Scripture Readings Isaiah 49:1-7 665  
John 1:29-42 966  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 1038

Time for Children

\*Hymn It Is Well with My Soul 256

Sermon *Commissioned by God* 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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 291

\*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:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$3,977.56
Rec'd 01-12-20:	\$5,422.10	Rec'd to Date:	\$6,908.10

**Sunday:** 01-19-2020  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)  
Financial reports available to congregation  
Installation of Session Officers  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
12:30 PM Session Retreat

**Tuesday:** 01-21-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

**Sunday:** 01-26-2020  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)  
Congregational meeting  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Announcements:**

**Ron Richards, Denise Pugh and Elizabeth Adkins** will be installed as new Session Officers. We thank Dave Rees, Jeremy Morris and Morgan Pugh for their service.

The **Session retreat meeting** is at **12:30 PM** today; bring a snack to share.

**Women's Bible Study** is this **Tuesday** at **7 PM**. All women are invited.

The next **Congregational Meeting** is on next **January the 26<sup>th</sup>** after the Service.

The **Confirmation Class** meets again 6:30 PM on Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> and 11:30 AM Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

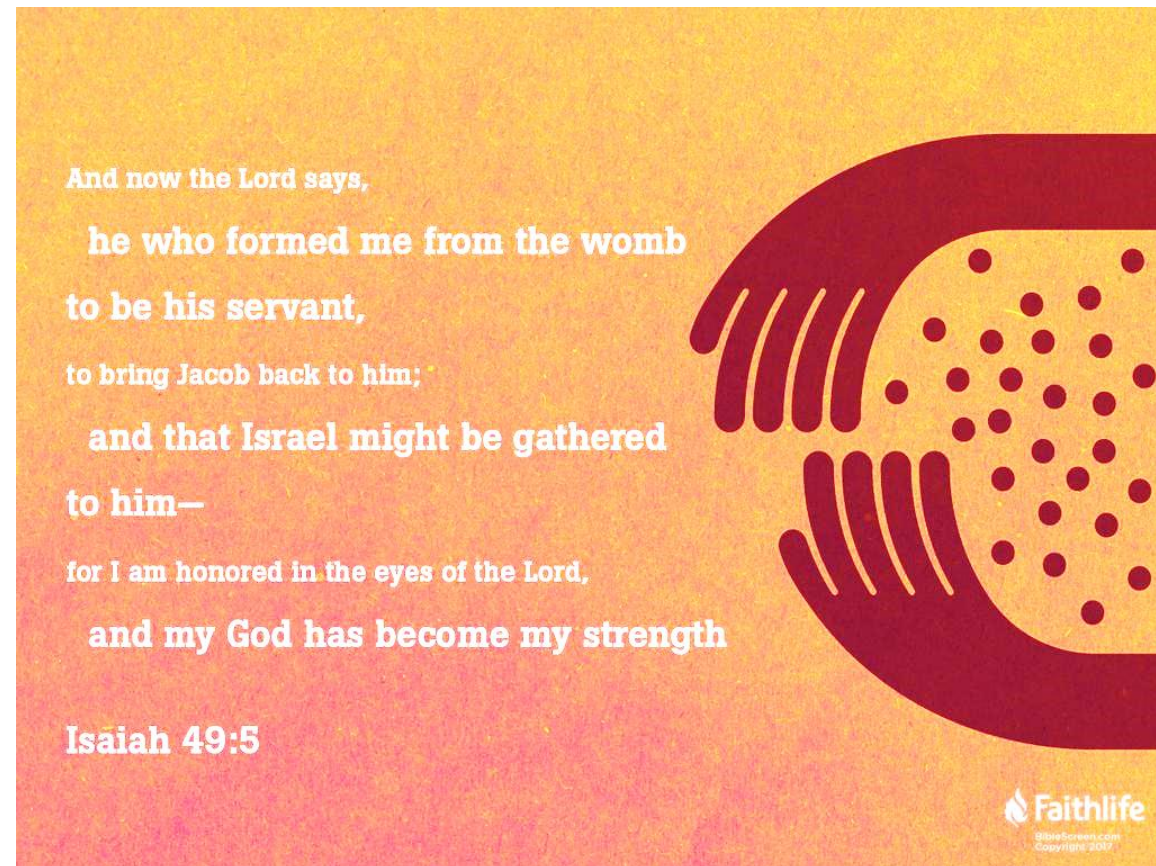
Be sure to sign up for the **2020 Flower Chart** on the back bulletin Board.

The boxes with **offering envelopes** can be found on the white table in the prayer room. Please sign your name beside the box number you take for the year 2020.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the February newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

28<sup>th</sup>-Scott Fair    30<sup>th</sup>-Doris Price    30<sup>th</sup>-John Smith    31<sup>st</sup>-Carrie Jones



And now the Lord says,  
he who formed me from the womb  
to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered  
to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength

Isaiah 49:5

*ISAIAH 49:1-7*

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)  
Warren (Punkin) Burnett  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)  
John Davis (stroke)  
Cathy Donnal (health issues)  
Kent DuCheney (surgery)  
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Catie Emery (nightmares)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Tim Huster (cancer)  
Connie Johnson (cancer)  
Jan Jones (health Issues)  
Paula Jones (healing from fall)  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser  
(colon cancer)

**Serving our Country:**

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)  
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)  
Corey McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Marian Morris (failing health)  
Joan Poling  
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
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#### TEACHING POINTS

**POINT ONE** – *We are called to be servants.*

**POINT TWO** – *God prepares His servants.*

**POINT THREE** – *There is a universal task for all God’s servants.*

#### THIS WEEK’S VERSE

*And now the LORD speaks—the one who formed me in my mother’s womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to him (Isaiah 49:5 NLT).*

#### ACTION POINT

The contrasting themes of disgrace and delight bring a strong irony to this prophecy. The people do not realize the importance of the Servant. Their negative misperception of Him is compared with the reality of who He is and how He will save them through His suffering. These are the same themes that are characteristic of the life of Jesus Christ in the Gospels writers. God then calls on all sinners to repent and be saved (55:6–7). Considering the severe sin that Isaiah has been highlighting throughout the Book so far, one might wonder how mercy and forgiveness can now be offered. Isaiah 55:8–9, however, reminds us that God’s ways and His understanding are often above us and not easy for us to grasp. With God going the extra distance to offer salvation to you, why not accept God’s gift of salvation by getting right with God today?

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