

Salem Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday, February 23, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Dave VanTilburg



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 99 540

*Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy 70

Prayer of Confession: Though we want to walk with Moses and see God's holy radiance, **we hide in the mist of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.** While we want a world of justice and peace, **we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God's loving-kindness.** Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain, **we cower in fear, in darkness, unable to bear the light of God. Forgive us our sins. This we pray 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

Scripture Readings Exodus 24:12-18 69
Matthew 17:1-9 894
2 Peter 1:16-21 1107

Special Music Hallelujah, Amen Mary Ann Mathews

Time for Children

*Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth 54

Sermon **"The Mountaintop Covenant"** 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.**

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 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:

Needed Weekly:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$13,921.45
Rec'd 02-16-20:	\$3,477.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$15,957.70

Sunday: **02-23-2020 Transfiguration of the Lord**
Communion
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: **02-25-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

Wednesday: **02-26-2020 Ash Wednesday**
6:00 PM Supper by Pugh family
7:00 PM Prayer Service

Sunday: **03-01-2020 St. David's Day**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
10:45 AM Reception in Prayer Room
Sunday School

Announcements:

We will have **Communion** today following the Sermon.

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday at 6 PM for a meal together and 7 PM for a time of preparative Easter prayer with the first day of Lent.

March 1st is the celebration of **St. David's Day**. We will have a Reception in the Prayer Room.

March 8th from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm is a **Soup & Sandwich Supper** at the Landeck St. John Church Basement. Venedocia sausage and homemade ice cream will be on the menu.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **March newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Congratulations to Brooke Coil and Jarrod on the birth of **Rayna Sue Rigdon** on February 18th. She weighed 5 lbs, 15 oz and is 19 inches long.

Upcoming Birthdays

24th-Tim Price
28th-Jean Owens

25th-Bill McGee
Mar 2nd-Marilyn Strickler

27th-Kevin Fair



Matthew 17 - The Transfiguration

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Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Warren (Punkin) Burnett
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
John Davis (stroke)
Cathy Donnal (leg surgery)
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)

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Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Tom Menker (cancer)
Marian Morris (failing health)
Joan Poling
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)
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TEACHING POINTS

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POINT TWO – *The Christian faith is built on the foundation of the law and the prophets but their witness is not enough.*

POINT THREE – *When we open ourselves to God’s love, our response is obedience.*

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