

Salem Presbyterian Church
1st Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard
 Bells-Introit



Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 32 496

*Hymn God of Our Fathers 532

St. David's Day

Prayer of Confession: **Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before You in need of healing: The healing of our bodies and souls, The healing of our relationships, The healing of our pride and fear and apathy. We know that with You, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, Not even the restoration of the whole world. We pray that You will heal us, that You will heal our world, So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be, As Christ calls us. 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
Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings	Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7	2
	Matthew 4:1-11	879
	Romans 5:12-19	1027

Special Music Baptist Quartet

Time for Children

*Hymn Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 358

Sermon **"Don't Doubt the Goodness of 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 All Hail the Power 42

*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:	\$15,910.23
Rec'd 02-23-20:	\$5,143.30	Rec'd to Date:	\$21,101.00

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

Tuesday: **03-03-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

Sunday: **03-08-2020 Second Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

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

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.

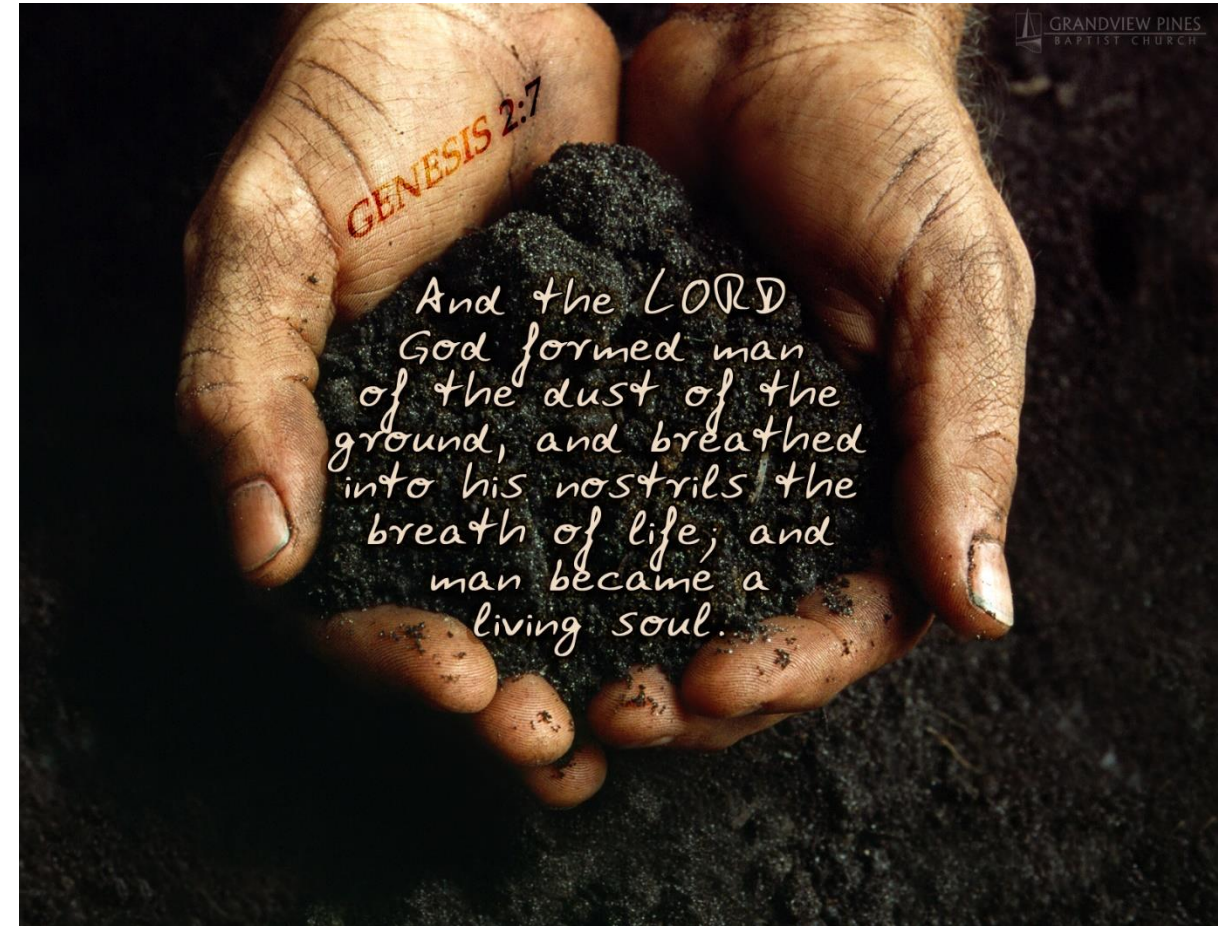
On March 25th, the **Senior Luncheon** will begin for the new year. Come enjoy a good meal, bingo and fellowship together.

The **March Newsletter** is available on the back table.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

2 nd -Marilyn Strickler	8 th -John Morris	11 th -Todd Morris
14 th -Larry Caffro	14 th -Elijah Martz	16 th -Tom Emery



Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7

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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 (leg surgery)
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Steve Gullickson (cancer)
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)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
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)
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Derek Sellers (Muscular Dystrophy)
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Sherry Siler (cancer)
Bruce Taylor (had a liver transplant)
Martha Jean Evans Vasquez
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Things went downhill fast in the garden with Satan’s deception.*

POINT TWO - *Adam and Eve’s sin in the Garden began when they doubted God’s character.*

POINT THREE – *Understanding the goodness of God makes the difference between believing in God and trusting in God.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

¹⁵ *The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.” (Genesis 2:15-17 NLT).*

ACTION POINT

Why can’t we have it all? We can, but not on our own. Not without cost. We can’t create it on our own. We can’t take it and assume something that isn’t ours to take. We can’t be God. We have to let it sink in that God is God, and we are not. But we can receive the free gift of God’s love and grace. Most important, we can receive God’s invitation to enter into a relationship with Jesus, a discipleship relationship, in which we strive, and we learn, and we change, and we love. In doing this, we will truly have it all – God’s way.

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