

Salem Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric and Jen Pugh



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: **Psalm 95** 539

*Hymn The Solid Rock 272

Prayer of Confession: Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to You this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. **When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt.** We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in You. **We challenge instead of accept.** We put You to the test rather than trust Your caring love. **Forgive our doubts and complaining.** Forgive our loss of hope. **Let Your healing, life-giving waters pour over us.** Restore our souls. **In Christ we pray. Amen.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession while holding our lives up the example to of Christ).*

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 Exodus 17:1-7 63
John 4:5-42 969
Romans 5:1-11 1027

Time for Children

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision 334

Sermon **"The Lord Is Among Us"** 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 Diadem *Welsh Hymnal, 13*

*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: \$19,887.78
Rec'd 03-08-20: \$999.00 Rec'd to Date: \$23,825.50

Sunday: **03-15-2020 3rd Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloiyd*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: **03-10-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

Sunday: **03-22-2020**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Pastor Tom highly recommends that the congregation see the film, **I Am Patrick**, on its limited showing of March 17 and 18 at the Regal theater in Lima. Tickets can be preordered by internet at www.IAmPatrick.com. It is about the faith journey of the Irish and Welsh Saint.

March 21st from 6 AM pm to 3 PM pm is the **Venedocia Lions Pancake Supper** at the Lions Club. Venedocia sausage and breakfast items 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.

Palm Sunday is April 5, and on April 9 we will have a **Maundy Thursday** supper hosted by the Morris family at 6 PM and a 7 PM Service with Communion.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

16 th -Tom Emery	19 th -Pamela Beamer	20 th -Johnathon Morris
20 th -Brian Owens	22 nd -Toby Adkins	23 rd -Josh Hoehn



Exodus 17:1-7

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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)
Rod Eutsler (hip surgery)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
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Serving our Country:

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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)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *We need to lift our eyes from “this world” to the spiritual realm.*

POINT TWO – *Realize that we can have too high of expectations.*

POINT THREE – *Our Lord is always with us.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Israel is traveling in this story, as this day, the church is proceeding. Israel’s story is our story. There in the desert, it made for an inconsistent scene: a multitude of people who had been freed, led, and fed by God, wondering aloud whether God was there or not. Israel was rescued from slavery in Egypt. Likewise, we have been redeemed by the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ out of our slavery to sin and death. You and I, like Israel, are making our way through the wilderness toward a promised land of rest. We are midway between our redemption and our final salvation in the Kingdom of God. During Lent, prayerfully hold firm in your faith in the hope of the coming Kingdom of God. The Lord is among us!

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