### Salem Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday, September 27, 2020, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Dave VanTilburg

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marylin Foust

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Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

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\*Hymn: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: God of patience, Your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put You to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off Your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions and when we give our attention to trivial things - gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out Your very self through Your beloved Son, pour Your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with Your love. We pray in the Name of the Christ who died so that we might fully live. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings \*Exodus 17:1-7 63

Matthew 21:23-32 899
Philippians 2:1-13 1069

Time for Children

\*<u>Hymn</u>: Take Time to Be Holy

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Sermon: "God is Always with Us"

\*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 our tithes and offerings

\*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*<u>Hymn:</u> Amazing Grace

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\*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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#### Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$1,988.78 Needed to Date: \$75,573.58 Rec'd 9-20-20: \$6,125.14 Rec'd to Date: \$82,031.94

<sup>\*</sup>Taking the Light into the World

<sup>\*</sup>Charge and Benediction

Sunday: <u>09-27-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)

10:40 AM Session meeting immediately after the service

Tuesday: <u>09-29-20</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>10-4-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship and Communion (nursery with Liz Hobbs)

10:45 AM Sunday school

#### **Announcements:**

We ask that you wear a mask until you are seated with a six-foot separation and every other row social distancing. You may remove the mask to sing when in your seating. Our offering plates are at the back doors. Please help yourself there to a facemask or sanitizer. Feel free to use the pew Bibles and hymnals; after the service, leave them open on the pews to be sanitized in the open air over four days.

The **Worldwide Communion** is October 4th; the special offering will be taken for a local charity.

The details of the October 4<sup>th</sup>, Gomer virtual Gymanfa are to log onto <u>Gomercc.org</u>. On this page, click the highlighted link "YouTubechannel" where you will select the video: 2020 Gymanfa Ganu. It will be available for viewing at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

#### **Upcoming Birthdays**

27<sup>th</sup> Lisa Lloyd 29<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Beck 30<sup>th</sup> Jack Blackmore

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kory Mullenhour 8th Bob McCollow

#### **Upcoming Anniversaries**

28<sup>th</sup> Eric & Jen Pugh Oct 2 Kevin & Heather Matthews



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Barry Coil (stroke)

Kathy Comer

Cathy Donnal (health issues)

Catie Emery (nightmares)

Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)

Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)

Jerry Holscher

Dale Kiesza (leg operation)

Carson Kundert

Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

LuAnn (family issues)

John Lloyd

Donald Martin

Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)

David Morris (Zeb)

Marian Morris

Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)

Ione Owens

Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)

Marjorie Rhodes

Mary Rigdon

David Ringwald (recovering from burns)

Roselawn Manor (all residents) and all local nursing homes

Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)

Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's father)

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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

First. Realize that there is one God to be accountable in your spiritual journey, not many "gods" to pay lip service.

Second. God is always with us, and life goes easier when we realize this.

Third. Our souls are thirsty for a relationship with God, and nothing satisfies us in this world like intimately knowing God.

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

"I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink." So Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on (Exodus 17:6 NLT).

#### **ACTION POINT**

For a while, it may appear that we are in control, and nothing can go wrong for us. In such experiences, we question whether we need God. But during a crisis, we ask "If God is with us." We ask the question because the trials, tests, and wildernesses of life force us to deal with the awareness that we ultimately are not in charge of our lives, and we are at a loss knowing what to do. We can insist that we can handle it ourselves, and in our frustration, our confusion, and our wilderness claim, that there is no way out. Or, in faith, we can acknowledge our need, and believe there is a loving God who is able to help. "Behold I will stand before you," God said to Moses. "Water will come..." The people were refreshed. Why not acknowledge that God is in control of all things, and submit your life and will over to God?

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