

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11th, 2020, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Jean Owens



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 546

*Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God 18

Prayer of Confession: Like the Hebrews in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. **And we wonder what went wrong.** Help us to be open to Your will for our lives. **We know what You want us to do.** Give us the persistence and the courage to do Your will. **Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes.** Merciful God, come to us this day with Your healing power and help us again to be Your disciples, **offering hope and peace to Your hurting and wounded world. We pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. 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 *Exodus 32:1-14 77
Matthew 22:1-14 900
Philippians 4:1-9 1071

Time for Children

*Hymn: Blowen Welsh hymnal, 60

Sermon: "The Temptation of the Golden Calf" 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 our tithes and offerings

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 36

*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:	\$79,551.14
Rec'd 10-04-20:	\$1,613.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$86,608.24

Sunday: 10-11-20
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil))
10:45 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday 10-13-20
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 10-18-20
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

The Adult Sunday school will take place in the back room after the service.

Women's Bible Study is on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our goal is to fellowship and have fun experiencing God together! Contact Carol Emery if you'd like more information (513)270-1036.

The **Election Day Supper** will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 4 to 7pm at the Lion's Club. Contact Kathy McCollow to volunteer.

The **Shoobox Project** - For the last 27 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, November 22. There are flyers and boxes set up in the Prayer room.

The offering last week raised \$97 for the Salvation Army food bank in Van Wert. Other amounts were added from non-active funds, and we are sending the Salvation Army a total of \$469.70 for the hungry in the county.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

13th David Breese 13th Carter Dunlap
13th Kayla Owens/Mumford 14th Jason Kimmet

Upcoming Anniversaries

21st-Bob & Kathy McCollow



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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)
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Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Carson Kundert
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TEACHING POINTS

First, God tests us for us to realize that we have idols in our lives.

Second, during times of the silence of God, avoid the dangers of spiritual warfare from idle minds and lazy syncretism (combining pagan and Christian beliefs).

Third, God wants us to be intercessors for others.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Your journey with God is about the others who join us, who don’t know the way as well as we do. It’s about leading them to stay committed in the days when God is silent. It’s about holding on to the promise that just because He’s silent, we can’t conclude that He’s absent. It’s about helping them to see that they’re asking for trouble when they think about bailing out on God in favor of another way that seems to make sense at the moment. So, welcome the tests that God brings our way. He’s not trying to hurt us. He’s trying to help us so we will be fit for the journey called living in this world. We have been given eternal life through Jesus Christ. When God tests us along the way, it’s to help us stay on track so we can experience His fulfillment in our relationship with Him. Why not trust in God no matter what the circumstances?

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