Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18th, 2020, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 99

540

*Hymn: Rock of Ages

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Prayer of Confession: O God, we seem to have lost the ability to see Your glory. We look at money, or medals, or trophies, and those things for the privileged few, and we call these glorious, forgetting how they tarnish after just a few moments. We have forgotten how to recognise the glory that lives in the compassion of a stranger who gives his time and talent to care for wounded, sick and dying souls, and in the courage of a peace-maker who chooses to serve and love an enemy. Open our eyes to the glory of Your presence and creativity in dark and ugly and fearful places. Yes, God, teach us to be both heralds and couriers of this glory, so that it may be seen to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. 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

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

Scripture Readings *Exodus 33:12-23

Matthew 22:15-22 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

900 1075

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Time for Children

*<u>Hymn</u>: Calon Lan Welsh hymnal, 66

Sermon: "God Will Go with You" 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

*<u>Hymn:</u> Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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*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: \$81,539.92 Rec'd 10-11-20: \$1,175.00 Rec'd to Date: \$87,783.24

^{*}Taking the Light into the World

^{*}Charge and Benediction

Sunday: <u>10-18-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)

10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: $\underline{10-20-20}$

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>10-25-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Session will meet today after the service, and the Adult Sunday school will take place in the Prayer Room next week after the service.

Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our goal is to fellowship and have fun experiencing God together!

October 31st is **Trick or Treat** in Venedocia from 6:00-7:30 pm and meet at Lion's club shelter outside for fellowship together.

The **Election Day Supper** will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 4:30 to 7pm at the Lion's Club. See sign-up sheets in the vestibule to volunteer or provide pies.

The **Shoebox 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.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

25th Joshua Hobbs 28th Keaton Adkins

29th Nancy Swygart 30th Jeff Coil

Upcoming Anniversaries

21st Bob & Kathy McCollow



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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

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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)

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