Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, Oct. 25th, 2020, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Dave VanTilburg The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd

Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	536
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Fairest Lord Jesus!	50

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Everlasting God, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, You have nurtured us with Your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share Your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors - only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, and who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love You more fully. For in loving You, our lives will show Your love to all others as Your love encompasses your creation for all generations. 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

<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover			
<u>Joys & Concerns of the Church</u> Prayers of the People					
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer				

Scripture Readings	*Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 22:34-46 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	191 900 1075
Time for Children		
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Now Thank We All Our God	18
Sermon:	"Finishing Our Journeys"	Rev. Thomas Emery

*<u>Apostle's Creed</u>: 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 * <u>Response</u> Praise God			Inside Front Cover			
*Prayer of Dedication						
* <u>Hymn:</u>	How Great Thou Art!		37			
*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.						
Needed Weekly:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$83,528.70			
Rec'd10-18-20:	\$2,291.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$90,074.24			

Sunday:

9:30 AM 10:45 AM

<u>10-25-20</u> Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore) New Member Class

Tuesday: 7:00 PM <u>10-27-20</u> Women's Bible Study

Sunday:

<u>11-1-20 All Saints Day</u> Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke) Sunday School

Announcements:

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The New Member Class will take place in the Prayer Room after the service. The class is looking at historical covenant agreements God has with us as a church.

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

All Saints Day is November 1st.

The Election Day Supper will be held on Tuesday, November 3^{rd,} 4:30-7PM. The signup sheet is in the back lobby. Remember to vote!

The Veterans Day Service is on November 8th; November 8th is also when Session and the Trustees meet at 11:30 AM to approve the budget. The Budget and Nomination reports will be given to the Congregation November 15th, and the vote on the budget and officers will be November 22nd. Shoeboxes are due by November 22nd.

Please start collecting gravy packets. The goal for our church this year is 650 packages to donate to the Salvation Army.

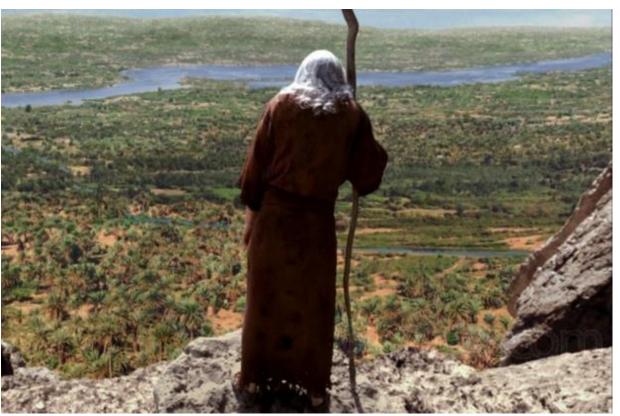
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u>.

Upcoming Birthdays

25th Josh Hobbs 30th Jeff Coil 28th Keaton Adkins Nov 1st-Avery Zielke

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Upcoming Anniversaries 21st-Bob & Kathy McCollow



Deuteronomy 34:1-12 - Moses viewing the Promised Land.

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TEACHING POINTS

First. Often, the plans for our journeys that we set out to make in life are interrupted as God calls and inspires us at just the right time, a time we can advance God's mission.

Second. An unfinished journey can be a devastating experience or an instance of faith.

Third. It is God's story, not ours, that needs to be continued and eventually completed.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

All of our unattained goals do not matter in cosmic terms. But God does come beside us, picking up the pieces of our broken dreams, and He tenderly whispers to us, "*Oh, but it does matter eternally*." It is because our unfinished stories are part of His unfinished story. We are all part of God's plan to have His people gathered. We each do our part to the glory of God. We need to remember that we serve God, and that God oversees our lives and their outcomes. Not this world, but in heaven do our lives find completion. Likewise, in life and death, Moses was a servant of God. Moses's issue was not to live or to die, but in all things to belong to God. All who trust and believe in God also belong to God. We recognize that life is His treasured gift and comes to us by His grace. We are the Lord's whether we live or whether we die. These words can heal and comfort us in times when we desperately need healing and comfort. For us, we do not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future. We live our lives trusting God for all our tomorrows.

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