# Salem Presbyterian Church February 21<sup>th</sup>, 2021, First Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Seth Baker

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke

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Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 50:1-6 508

\*Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 36

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: O God, we are in need of forgiveness for our sins, committed either knowingly or unknowingly. We ask for forgiveness in the Name of Jesus Christ. To be made right with You, we long to walk in daily loving companionship with You. And, our hearts long to be with You and our loved ones for eternity. Give us Your faith and hope, that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!" And, that we may truly live for You the rest of our lives. In Jesus' Name we pray. 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

Scripture Readings \*2 Kings 2:6-12 329

Mark 9:2-9 919 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 1052

Time for Children

Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord! 388

Sermon: "Passing of the Leadership Mantle" Rev. Thomas Emery

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Congregational Prayer Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Christ the Bread of Life: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

The Lord's Prayer

\*<u>Hymn</u>: Sing Praise to the God Who Reigns Above 3

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

\*Response to Our Tithes and Offerings Praise God Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: 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.

<u>Financial Update</u>:

Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$14,758.67 Rec'd 02-14-21: \$5,389.00 Rec'd to Date: \$19,630.00 Sunday: <u>02-21-21 – First Sunday of Lent</u>

9:30 AM Worship and Communion

(nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)

10:35 AM Zoom Coffee Hour Introduction

1:00 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday: <u>02-23-21</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>02-28-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)

10:35 AM Zoom Coffee Hour

## **Announcements:**

We will be having **Communion** today. The **Session Meeting** is at 1 PM today.

There are **Lenten devotional booklets** at the back of the church.

We will introduce a **Salem Zoom Coffee Hour** this Sunday and ongoing after the Services to include more church members for the Lenten Season. Please join us then for refreshments. The directions to join Zoom are found in the insert.

March 8th is the celebration of **St. David's Day**. We will have a reception in the Prayer Room following the service.

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

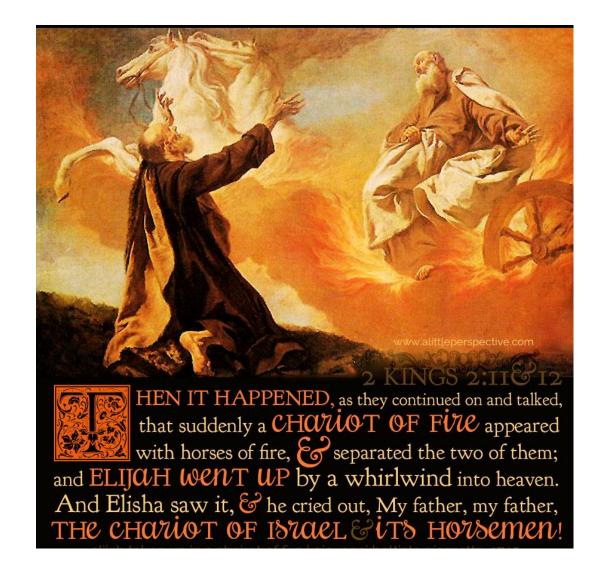
# **Upcoming Birthdays**

21st Paul Price 24th Tim Price 25th Bill McGee

27<sup>th</sup> Kevin Fair 28<sup>th</sup> Jean Owens

## **Upcoming Anniversaries**

22<sup>nd</sup> Dave & Ann Reese



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Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)

Connie Bassett (breast cancer)

Barry Coil (stroke)

Kathy Comer

Rosemary Cooper

Asher Eberle

Marjorie Eutsler

Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)

Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)

Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)

Jerry Holscher

Dale Kiesza (leg operation)

Danny King

Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

LuAnn (family issues)

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Byron Mohr

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#### TEACHING POINTS

First. We should live for the life to come.

Second. We have a life to live.

Third. We should live in the face of death.

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

<sup>11</sup> As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven (2 Kings 2:11 NLT).

#### **ACTION POINT**

In conducting his duties, Elijah had no fear of death, and when his time had ended, God received him into heaven without dying. He reappears later in scripture on the Mount of Transfiguration and in the Book of Revelation as one of the two Chapter 11 prophets calling for repentance before God's coming judgment. The chariot event was a preview of the later resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus ascended to heaven with His body and soul, so we believers will also be raised as promised by Christ: "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life" (John 6:47 NLT). The prophet's cloak was not merely a piece of clothing, but it was also a symbol of a prophetic task still to be completed by Elisha. We, too as followers of Christ, also have a mission to do for God during our lives; that mission is to live as Christ followers and to tell the world about Jesus' free offer of eternal life.

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