

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Becky Reichard

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



Prelude  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 19 488

Lenten Skit

\*Hymn: Aberystwyth *Welsh Hymnal*, 17

Prayer of Confession: With hearts of sorrow, we come before You, O God, to confess what You already know—we have failed to keep Your laws. **Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than Your holy and life-giving will for our lives.** We have twisted Your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than Your own. **Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. 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  
Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

St. David Talk

Special Music Chris Morgan

Scripture Readings	*Exodus 20:1-17	65
	John 2:13-22	967
	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	1038

\*The Ten Commandments: **1. We will not worship other gods. 2. We will not make for ourselves an idol in the form of anything. 3. We will not misuse the Name of the Lord our God. 4. We will remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 5. We will honor our father and our mother. 6. We will not murder. 7. We will not commit adultery. 8. We will not steal. 9. We will not give false testimony against our neighbor. 10. We will not covet our neighbor's house, wife, or property. Amen.**

Children dismissed

Hymn: Sandon *Welsh Hymnal*, 27

Sermon: "The Relevance of the Ten Commandments" Rev. Thomas Emery

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Offering Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

\*Hymn: Diadem *Welsh Hymnal*, 13

\*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:	\$2,108.38	Needed to Date:	\$18,975.44
Rec'd 02-28-21:	\$2,206.25	Rec'd to Date:	\$23,187.85

**Sunday:** 03-07-21  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)  
 10:30 AM Celebration of St. David's Day reception

**Tuesday:** 03-09-21  
 Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 03-14-21  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)  
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 03-16-21  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Saturday:** 03-20-21  
 7:00 AM-1:00 PM Lions Club Drive Thru Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday:** 03-21-21  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)  
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

**St. David's Day** will be celebrated today after the Service with a reception in the Prayer Room.

The **Women's Bible Study** will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the April newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

8 <sup>th</sup> John Morris	11 <sup>th</sup> Todd Morris	14 <sup>th</sup> Larry Caffro
14 <sup>th</sup> Elijah Martz	16 <sup>th</sup> Tom Emery	19 <sup>th</sup> Pamela Beamer
20 <sup>th</sup> Johnathon Morris		
20 <sup>th</sup> Brian Owens		

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

**The Old Testament (Exodus 20:3-17)**

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.

**The New Testament (2 Corinthians 3:3)**

1. There is only one God.
2. Keep from idols.
3. Do not swear.
4. Worship on the first day of the week.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. Do not covet.

"Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God,"  
 He takes away the first that He may establish the second.  
 Hebrews 10:9

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.  
 Colossians 2:14

- It was ONLY given to the nation of Israel (The Jews)
- It became an effective law to the Israelites only after the exodus from Egypt
- The Ten Commandments and the law were given through Moses
- The Ten Commandments were discontinued as a law about AD 33
- The Ten Commandments are NO LONGER in effect (Colossians 2:14)

"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."  
 Matthew 22:37-40

• Came into effect approximately AD 33 for all people of the earth

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
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 (cancer)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
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Donald Martin  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
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David Morris (Zeb)  
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Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
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The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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“The Relevance of the Ten Commandments” Exodus 20:1-17  
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#### TEACHING POINTS

**First. God gave us the Ten Commandments to because we are fallen and needed them.**

**Second. The Commandments defend us from ourselves.**

**Third. The Commandments easily divide into three subjects.** Our relationship with God is the subject of the first three. Our relationship with ourselves is the subject of the fourth. Our contact with each other is the subject of the last six.

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

Then God gave the people all these instructions:<sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.”<sup>3</sup> “You must not have any other god but me (Exodus 20:1-3 NLT).

#### ACTION POINT

Under God’s loving guidance, the Commandments provided a way for the freed slaves to maintain order and to guarantee the benefits of their freedom. God highlighted their wrong behavior. The behavior was wrong, because the moral law of the universe doesn’t work with these violations. For instance, support of murder, committing adultery and stealing will break society down. It doesn’t matter in what period of history; it’s always wrong to steal. It is wrong whether we do it by shop-lifting or cheating on our income tax or failing to give our boss a full day's work. Why not thank God for His wisdom and His care of us by giving us these Commands to live by? Why not memorize them? Why not live by them?

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