Salem Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 21, 2021

Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill

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

Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 119:97-104 557

Lenten Skit

*<u>Hymn</u> Groeswen *Welsh Hymnal,* 42

Prayer of Confession: God promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah, who said that one day the law would be written on our hearts and all would know God. Often, we are confused and closed and worn, and we wonder if that day will ever come. But, we can rejoice, because God's promise throughout the law and prophets is made alive in us. God will always be our God, and we will always be God's people. Let us be glad, for God remembers our sin no more if we are in Jesus. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please take a moment of silent 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
 *Jeremiah 31:31-34
 721

 Luke 18:1-8
 955

 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 1085

Children are dismissed

*<u>Hymn</u> I Need Thee Every Hour 318

Sermon "Written on Our Hearts" 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Offering Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*<u>Hymn</u> I Love to Tell the Story 431

*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: \$23,192.20 Rec'd 03-14-21: \$2,624.50 Rec'd to Date: \$34,629.94

Sunday: <u>03-21-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: <u>03-23-21</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>03-28-21</u> Palm Sunday and Baptisms

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)

Thursday <u>04-01-21</u> Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Informal reading of Scripture and Prayer in the

Prayer Room

Sunday: <u>04-04-21</u> Easter

9:00 AM Easter Skit and Flowering of the Cross

9:30 AM Easter Service and Communion

Announcements:

Session will meet at 10:45 today.

The **Women's Bible Study** will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM through Lent.

On **Palm Sunday**, Morgan and Pete's baby girl, Audrey Lynn McCollow, and Brooke Coil and Jarrod Rigdon's baby girl, Rayna Rigdon, will be baptized during the service. Let us welcome them with God's blessings.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

22nd Toby Adkins 23rd Josh Hoehn 28th Ron Richards 29th Bianca Richards



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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)

John & Mary Ellen Lloyd

Donald Martin

Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)

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David Morris (Zeb)

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TEACHING POINTS

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POINT TWO – The New Covenant means that God's law will not only be written on stone, but also on the hearts of God's people (v. 33).

POINT THREE – *In Christ, we have a close personal relationship with God.*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Our fate does not hang on our self-restoration, but on the New Covenant that finds its ultimate fulfillment in what God has done alone in Christ Jesus. That means we do not have to keep reliving the same old reruns of our lives. God is not a cold-hearted judge, keeping score. No, He is like an attentive spouse who leads us into a deeper relationship. He plants something new and living deep within us so that we can become all that God wants us to be. Yes, we have a pattern of disappointing God. But God is a God who always reaches out to us. Why not also invite Christ into our hearts and begin a close relationship with God?

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