### Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 28th, 2021, Palm/Passion Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Dave VanTilburg

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Gwenda Blackmore

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Welcome, Palm Sunday talk (John 12:12-16), & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 554

Lenten Skit

\*Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Palms waved) 107

Prayer of Confession: God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds, than stand alone. We like safety and security, while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "Hosanna" when everyone else is doing so, but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to You, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We ask You to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt; then pour out Your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. We pray in the name of 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

<u>Joys & Concerns of the Church</u> Prayers of the People <u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings \*Isaiah 50:4-9a 667

Special Music "Ride On" Jr. Choir/Bells

\*Children move to front rows to watch

Baptisms of Rayna Sue Rigdon and Audrey Lynn McCollow

Special Music Shelia Collins

\*Children are dismissed

Sermon: "The Obedient Godly Servant" Rev. Thomas Emery

\*Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor 108

\*Taking the Light into the World (Philippians 2:5-11)

\*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: \$25,300.58 Rec'd 03-21-21: \$689.00 Rec'd to Date: \$35,318.94 Sunday: <u>03-28-21</u> Palm Sunday and Baptisms

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

Tuesday: <u>03-30-21</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

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

7:00 PM Informal communal reading of the Passion

Scriptures and Prayer in the Prayer Room

Saturday: <u>04-03-21</u> Easter Egg Hunt at Lion's Club

1:00 PM Drive-Thru only. Children ages 1 to 12.

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

9:00 AM Flowering of the Cross

9:30 AM Easter Service with Lenten Skit and Communion

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

#### **Announcements:**

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

Today, Morgan and Pete's baby girl, Audrey Lynn McCollow, and Brooke Coil and Jarrod Rigdon's baby girl, Rayna Sue 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**

28<sup>th</sup> Ron Richards 29<sup>th</sup> Bianca Richards Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>Lyndi Breese/Forsythe 6<sup>th</sup> Carol Emery

#### Matthew 21: 1-7 - Jesus Enters Jerusalem and the Temple

As they approached Jerusalem, entering Beth-Phage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two disciples

<sup>2</sup>with the instructions, "Go into the village straight ahead of you, and immediately you will find a tethered donkey with her colt standing beside her. Untie them and lead them back to me.

<sup>3</sup> If anyone questions you, say, 'The Rabbi needs them.' Then they will let them go at once."

<sup>4</sup>This came about to fulfill what was said through the prophet:

5"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Your Sovereign comes to you without display, riding on a donkey, on a colt— the foal of a beast of burden.'



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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)

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)

Byron Mohr

David Morris (Zeb)

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Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)

Dave Owens

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Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)

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Shalia Schomaeker

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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

First. The servant has confidence.

Second. The servant listens to God and is sustained by Him.

Third. The servant sacrificially lives for others.

Fourth. The servant knows that God will vindicate Him.

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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#### **ACTION POINT**

When we see what Jesus, our leader and teacher, has done for us, we want to serve him and to be like him. We too can ignore the disapproving cheers or boos of life's crowds and seek only to gratify Jesus, the servant leader. Isn't that what our spiritual life is? Not pleasing everyone, but keeping our eyes on the one, we call our Lord, who is our leader and our teacher? Think of the end of your life and imagine the Lord giving you a standing ovation and saying, "Enter into the joy of your Lord." Isn't that the highest priority of all?

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