# Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 18, 2021, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Seth Baker The flowers are given in honor of all Mothers by Vern & Liz Hobbs

Prelude Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship	Psalm 23	491
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Sweet Hour of Prayer	361

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust Your abiding love. When You set a table before us, we turn aside from You. Call us back into Your care and help us trust Your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim Your truth. 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 <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
<u>Joys &amp; Concerns of the</u> Prayers of the People	<u>e Church</u>	
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer	
Scripture Readings	*Acts 4:32-35 John 10:11-18 1 John 3:16-24	995 978 1111

Time for Children

<u>Hymn</u> :	Ebenezer	Welsh Hymnal, 11
Sermon:	"The Church as a Family"	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.

\*Offering Prayer of Dedication

*Offering Response		Praise God Inside Front (		ront Cover
* <u>Hymn:</u> They	y'll Know W	e are Christians by O	ur Love	Insert
*Taking the Light into the World				
*Charge and Bene *Congregational R		Three Fold Amen	Inside B	ack Cover
*Those who are able are invited to stand.				

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<u>Financial Update</u> :					
Needed Weekly:	\$2,108.38	Needed to Date:	\$31,625.73		
Rec'd04-11-121:	\$765.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$41,584.44		

Sunday:

Tuesday:

9:30 AM 10:45 AM

7:00 PM

<u>04-18-21</u>

Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil) Session Meeting

> <u>04-20-21</u> Women's Bible Study

Sunday:05-02-219:30 AMWorship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris )10:45 AMSunday School

# Announcements:

Session will meet today at 10:45 AM.

The Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 PM.

Mother's Day is May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

# Upcoming Birthdays

20th Kevin Matthews22nd Elgarda McGee23rd Grant Zielke25th Julia Morris/Moliter26th Gwenda Blackmore

**Upcoming Anniversaries** 21st John & Mary Ellen Lloyd (this will be their 65th anniversary) MAKE A CHANGE

at work in them all that there were

And God's grace was so powerfully

Give in a way that blesses others

no needy persons among them.

Acts 4:32-35

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Second. The New Testament church was known for its deep commitment.

Third. People know Jesus by our witness of our unity and our love for others.

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