

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 1, 2021, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Lexie Greer
 Flowers are given to the glory of God by Morgan & Tyler McConnell



Prelude
 Lighting the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 51:1-12 509

*Hymn: Blodwen Welsh Hymnal, 60

Prayer of Confession:

Compassionate One: like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please You. **We do not see the gift of Your presence.** We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, that we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces. **Forgive us, O' Steadfast Love. Grace us with Your mercy, so we might be made whole.** Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. **Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one, with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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**

Scripture Readings *2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a 281
John 6:24-35 972
Ephesians 4:1-16 1066

Time for Children

VBS Presentation

Hymn: Llef Welsh Hymnal, 56

Sermon "You Are That Man " 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.**

Offertory prayer
 *Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

* Hymn: Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal, 40

*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: \$63,251.45
Rec'd 07-25-21:	\$1,492.00	Rec'd to Date: \$77,855.06

Sunday: 08-01-21
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)

Sunday: 08-08-21
9:30 AM Worship with Gideons (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
Pastor off (Guest speaker Dave Hoose)

Sunday: 08-15-21
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
Pastor off (Guest speaker Kevin Clancy)

Summer Announcements:

VBS raised \$410 for the "Go Fund Me" of **Sophia Becker** who is struggling with brain cancer.

Trinity Friends Church is hosting through July the **on-going Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at **noon, Thursday, August 5th** at 605 N. Franklin Street., Van Wert, Ohio.

The **2021 Gymanfa Ganu** is on **Labor Day Sunday, September 5th**. The meal begins at 4:30 PM and the singing begins at 7 PM. Kevin Fancher will be the Conductor and Sheila Collins is the soloist.

The **2021 Drive Your Tractor to Church / Blessing of the Harvest** (with a potluck lunch) is on **September 19**.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the September newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

4 th Philip Eutsler	4 th Don Owens	6 th Brooke Coil
9 th Denise Pugh	10 th Lindsay Richards	11 th David Hobbs

Upcoming Anniversaries

10 th Tyler & Morgan McConnell	12 th David & Carla Breese
17 th Kory & Tamara Mullenhour	27 th Tom & Carol Emery



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Matt Blackmore
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Kathy Comer
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
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Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher
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Ann King (cancer)
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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST POINT – Power often has contempt for truth, because truth is the great challenge to power.

SECOND POINT – Celebrations of acceptance and confession can only honestly happen in “Christian community.”

THIRD POINT – God gives second chances. When we are made whole with God, we meet life with a clean heart and right spirit knowing that we can handle any obstacles in life with our loving God.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

“Never confess,” is the rule we receive from the world. We live in a culture of self-protection, which is the opposite of confession. Psalms 51 and 32 are indications of how well David learned the lessons about the horrific nature of sin, responsibility, and the need for, and the possibility of, repentance and forgiveness. Wholeness is found in letting go. It’s in the “letting go” of confession and the forgiveness, we’re offered in it, that we’re made whole again. It allows us to reconcile and to atone, that we become “at one” again, with ourselves, with God, and with our neighbor. For David, the consequences would come as they must, but he would meet them with a clean heart, and with a new and right spirit, knowing the God who had brought him this far, would continue to be there with him through it all. And thank God, the same is true for us.

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