

# Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Lexie Greer

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric & Jen Pugh



Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 84

531

\*Hymn:

Milwaukee

Welsh Hymnal, 6

Prayer of Confession: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. **Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to You.** For these things, we ask Your forgiveness, and we also ask for Your strength. **Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world.** Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing, or who we are with. **Hold us to You, and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. We ask these things in Jesus' Name.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).*

Assurance of Pardon

Response

**Glory Be to the Father**

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

**The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings

\*1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30.41-43

308

John 6:56-69

973

Ephesians 6:10-20

1067

Time for Children

\*Hymn:

Ebenezer

Welsh Hymnal, 11

Sermon

"Our God is an Awesome God!"

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\*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**

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn:

Diadem

Welsh Hymnal, 13/14

\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

**Three Fold Amen**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.



**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly:

\$2,108.38

Needed to Date: \$69,576.60

Rec'd 08-15-21:

\$1,649.00

Rec'd to Date: \$84,326.56

**Sunday:** **08-22-21**  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)

**Wednesday:** **08-26-21**  
Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting

**Sunday:** **08-29-21**  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)

**Announcements:**

**Trinity Friends Church** is hosting through August the **on-going Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at **noon, Thursday, August 26th** at 605 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio.

The **2021 Gymanfa Ganu** is on **Labor Day Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. The meal begins at 4:30 PM and the singing begins at 7 PM. Kevin Fancher will be the Conductor, Connie O'Neill is the organist, Maryann Mathews is the pianist, and Sheila Collins is the soloist.

There is a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the church to bring salads/desserts for the light supper served on September 5<sup>th</sup> for the Gymanfa Ganu.

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

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan Jones	27 <sup>th</sup> Barb Owens	30 <sup>th</sup> Kelly Lloyd
Sep 1 <sup>st</sup> Kim Ebel	1 <sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Adkins	

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

27<sup>th</sup>-Tom & Carol Emery



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Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Matt Blackmore  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Brett Hammons  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Ann King (cancer)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Byron Mohr  
Alice Morris  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Marian Morris  
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)  
Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Greg Richards  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Reddington Rothgeb (leukemia)  
Shalia Schomaeker  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Stacy Smith (Covid)  
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The area Nursing Homes and their residents

**Serving Our Country**

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Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marine Corps)  
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POINT ONE – Many times, we have made the Almighty God a mere human god, but He is not.

POINT TWO – There are times that we can encounter the hiddenness of God.

POINT THREE - It is comforting to know that God wants to communicate to us and that there is a place we can go to feel God's presence.

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### ACTION POINT

To speak of the mystery of God is to say that God is apart from human reality. God is something entirely other than we are. Now, to acknowledge God's mysteriousness is not to say that we cannot know anything about God. We can know whatever God has chosen to reveal to us about himself — through the Bible, through Jesus Christ, and even through personal spiritual experiences. We can't know anything about God without God's help. Okay, let's say that we accept mystery as a primary part of how we see God. What does that matter? Well, for one thing, it means that we don't have God all figured out. If we did, what would we have? Why not love and obey God, and enter into the mystery of a deep relationship with God on His terms?

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