Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 5, 2021, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill

Pianist: Mary Ann Mathews

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

Prelude Battle Hymn of the Republic duet

Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

*<u>Hymn:</u> Huddersfield Welsh Hymnal, 19

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 125 561

Prayer of Confession:

Patient God, our schedules change from the demands of weekly living, to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure. But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities. We need some time to rest, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with You where we can just relax, and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of a contest. Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve You, not out of exhaustion, but out of enthusiasm. Be with us this day. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

| Scripture Readings | Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 | 592 |
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| | *Mark 7:24-37 | 917 |
| | James 2:1-17 | 1100 |

Dedication of Organ The Lord is My Light piano/organ duet

*<u>Hymn:</u> Sandon Welsh Hymnal, 27

Sermon "None Are Excluded" 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 of Dedication

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

<u>Hymn</u>: Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal, 40

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$73,793.36 Rec'd 08-29-2021: \$1,009.00 Rec'd to Date: \$87,005.06

^{*}Taking the Light into the World

^{*}Charge and Benediction

^{*}Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover *Postlude *Victory in Jesus* piano/organ duet

^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.

Sunday: 09-05-21

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)

Honoring Gymanfa Ganu at the morning service and rededicating our organ's 50 year anniversary

Thursday: 09-09-21

Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting

Sunday: 09-12-21

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)

10:45 AM Session Meeting 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **2021 Gymanfa Ganu** is cancelled. There is a special service today to honor our Gymanfa Ganu tradition and rededicating our organ's 50 year anniversary.

Pentecostal Way Church is hosting this month's Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting at noon each Thursday at 1213 Leeson Avenue, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

The **Women's Bible Study** will resume on September 14 at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

The 2021 Drive Your Tractor to Church / Blessing of the Harvest is on September 19 with a potluck lunch. The sign-up sheet is on the back table.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

11th Landon Price12th Jackson Dunlap18th Jane Morris18th Morgan McConnell18th Tyler McConnell19th Gianna Richards

Upcoming Anniversaries

8th Paul & Doris Price 11th Doug & Jan Jones 15th Bob & Denise Pugh 28th Eric & Jen Pugh



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Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)

Matt Blackmore

Barry Coil (stroke)

Kathy Comer

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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)

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LuAnn (family issues)

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Byron Mohr

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The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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TEACHING POINTS

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POINT TWO - Who are my brothers and sisters?

POINT THREE – God's love is available to all of us.

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