

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 31, 2021 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill
Flowers are giving to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd

Prelude & Lighting the Candles
Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 146 570

*Hymn: O Worship the King 1

Prayer of Confession: How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely? **We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve You by serving others.** Many times, we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. **Help us to truly understand the commandments to love You with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.** Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. **Bring us back to your loving light. We ask these things in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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 * Ruth 1:1-18 238
Mark 12:28-34 924
Hebrews 9:11-14 1094

Time for Children

*Hymn: Aberystwyth *Welsh Hymnal, 17*

Sermon "God Takes Care of His People" 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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: How Great Thou Art 37

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

**Those who can are invited to stand.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$90,660.41
Rec'd 10-24-21: \$1,509.00 Rec'd to Date: \$101,475.56

Sunday: 10-31-21
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School "The Chosen"

Tuesday: 11-2-21
4:30 - 7:00 PM Election Night Supper at the Lion's Club

Wednesday: 11-3-21
7:00 PM "The Chosen" shown at the manse.

Sunday: 11-7-21 All Saints Day
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
10:45 AM Joint Trustee & Session meeting

Announcements:

The **Adult Sunday School** viewing "The Chosen" series will begin after the service today and at 7 PM, Wednesday, November 3 at the manse (optional to bring a snack to share).

The **Women's Bible Study** is cancelled this week, but will again meet on Tuesday, November 9, at 7 PM. All are women are welcome.

The **Senior Luncheon** next meeting is noon, December 1st at the Lions Club building.

Don't forget to vote, Tuesday, November 2nd and that the **Election Night Supper** will be served by Salem at the Lions Club 4:30 – 7 PM (both drive through and sit-down offered).

Gravy Packets are being collected for the Salvation Army this year. Our goal this year is 500 packages and the due date is December 12th.

SHOEBOX PROJECT- Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, November 21st.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

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| 1 st Avery Zielke | 1 st Dan Lloyd | 5 th Carla Breese |
| 5 th Missy Zielke | 10 th Luca Mullenhour | 11 Sarah Kimmet |



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Venedocia, Ohio | October 31, 2021

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Greg & Mara Beougher & family
Lynnix Bragg
Barry Coil (tests)
Kathy Comer
Pastor Tom Emery
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Andy Francis
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Brett Hammons
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jane Harter
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Ann King (cancer)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Byron Mohr
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)
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Greg Richards
Marjorie Rhodes
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The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – Love is about loyalty and faithfulness and mutual devotion.

POINT TWO – God takes care of His people.

POINT THREE – If there is a problem, we can solve it together! If there is a burden, we can lift it together with God’s help!

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Ruth had come to recognize the God of Elimelech's family as the God of her life. She had learned of the God who had seen the distress of the Israelites in Egypt and come to their aid. She now worshiped the same God who would not allow Cain to evade responsibility by asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Of course, he was! So, it was this faith in the Hebrew God that led to her insistence on staying with Naomi. Are there responsibilities that you should shoulder that you are trying to avoid, perhaps following the bad example of the unspecified crowd? Are you living out the duties you undertook when you chose to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? The Book of Ruth calls you to pause and to consider your commitments to God and others.

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