

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 14, 2021, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Flowers are given in memory of Dennis Zielke by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah's Prayer 243

*Hymn: My Country, 'Tis of Thee 529

Prayer of Confession: Rock of Salvation, You give children to the barren and strength to the feeble; You exalt the poor and lift up the needy. **We want to praise Your Holy Name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from You, from one another, from the world, and even from ourselves.** We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. **We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure.** Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. **Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord. We pray in the Name of 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**

Honoring our Veterans with a short film and recognition

Scripture Readings	* I Samuel 1:4-20	242
	Mark 13:1-8	925
	Hebrews 10:11-25	1095

Time for Children

*Hymn: America the Beautiful 531

Sermon "The Lowly Lifted and the Proud Brought Down by 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** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: Diadem Welsh Hymnal 13

*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: \$2108.38 Needed to Date: \$94,877.18
 Rec'd 11-07-21: \$4518.75 Rec'd to Date: \$107,145.81

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM
10:45 AM
5:00 PM

11-14-21 Veterans Day Recognition & Thank Offering
Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
Adult Sunday School "The Chosen"
Session meeting
Trustee Meeting

Tuesday:
7:00 PM

11-16-21
Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:
7:00 PM

11-17-21
"The Chosen" shown at the manse.

Thursday:
Noon

11-18-21
Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at Trinity Friends

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:30 AM

11-21-21
Worship (*nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*)
Congregational Meeting

Announcements:

Veterans will be honored today. The **Women's Bible Study** will again meet on Tuesday at 7 PM. The **Adult Sunday School** viewing "**The Chosen**" series will begin after the service today and at 7 PM, Wednesday at the manse.

The **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be at 7 PM on Wednesday the 24th; bring canned goods for the offering. The next **Senior Luncheon** next meeting is at noon, December 1st at the Lions Club building. The **Advent Breakfast** will be after the service on November 28th.

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with **poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd by December 5.

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 December newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc or PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

16th Doug Jones



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Greg & Mara Beougher & family
Lynnix Bragg
Barry Coil (tests)
Kathy Comer
Pastor Tom Emery
Marjorie Eutsler
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Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Andy Francis
Shana Fryer
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POINT TWO – Though the omnipotent Lord may allow his people to endure trials and even oppression, God is just and will eventually deliver them from distress when they cry out to him for vindication.

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