

Salem Presbyterian Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 14, 2025

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Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

* <u>Hymn</u>	Take My Life and Let It Be	393
Call to Worship	Psalm 14	485

Prayer of Confession: Dear God, the God of abundant grace, may Your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship You this day. **Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover Your presence in the smile of a neighbor.** Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear Your wisdom in the words spoken around us. **And open our hearts to Your grace and love,** that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, **for ourselves and for one another. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.**
(Please take a moment of silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
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Joys & Concerns of the Church
Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Scripture Readings	*Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	689
	Luke 15:1-10	952
	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1080

Time for Children

* <u>Hymn</u>	Amazing Grace	236
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Sermon “The Foolish Do Not Know God” 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

*Hymn **For the Fruit of all Creation** Handout

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

<u>*Congregational Response</u>	Three Fold Amen	Inside Back Cover
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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,345.90	Needed to Date:	\$84,452.27
Rec'd 2025-09-07:	\$1,880.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$83,108.86

Sunday: 09-14-2025 14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship and Drive Your Tractor to Church / Blessing of the Harvest with Potluck afterward
(Nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
10:45 AM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 09-16-2025
7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study meets at Living Truth Ministries, located at 1180 S Washington Street.
7:00 PM Women’s Bible Study in the church basement

Thursday: 09-18-2025
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Trinity Global Methodist Church; meet in the “Gate.”

Sunday: 09-21-2025 15th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship (Nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held on September 24 at noon. The lunch and bingo is held at the Lion’s Club. Come join us!

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the food we collect for September is canned vegetables.

Please take photos and contribute updates, recipes, and ideas for the next **Salem newsletter**, “**Sounds of Salem**.” Submit them to PastorTomEmery@live.com

Upcoming Birthdays

15 th Evana Yeboah-Manley	16 th Terri Lloyd	18 th Jayne Morris
18 th Morgan McConnell	18 th Tyler McConnell	19 th Gianna Richards
20 th Megan Jones	23 rd April Ellerbrock	25 th Darlene Jones

Upcoming Anniversaries

15th Bob & Denise Pugh
28th Eric & Jen Pugh



**JEREMIAH
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PROPHET**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

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Bill Culver
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
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Charlie Good (prostate cancer)
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Elizabeth Holscher
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David Morris (Zeb)
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh’s stepdad
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Bianca Richards (leukemia)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Surely, we aren’t so spiritually impoverished, so foolish, so stupid as to forget about the One who will not give up on us, the One who will not let us go.*

POINT TWO – *God isn’t calling us names; He is calling us to life.*

POINT THREE – *God will send the wind.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

God was faithful, but the people were not. God provided blessing upon blessing, but the people didn’t seem to notice that it came from Him. God gave Himself in every way, but the people remained indifferent. They served themselves. They worshiped gods of their own making in the temples of their hearts. They lived their lives as if all that mattered was satisfying their whims and desires. They couldn’t see beyond themselves. They couldn’t reach up to God. All of God’s hopes for these people crumbled as they failed to remember who they were, whose they were, and why they had been created in the first place. Admittedly, aren’t we too so spiritually impoverished, so foolish, so stupid as to forget about the One who will not pass on us, the One who will not let us go. If you are far from God, don’t make the same mistakes as Judah. Why not return to God right now while you can!

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