Salem Presbyterian Church

17^h Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 5, 2025

Organist: Connie O'Neill Rev. Thomas Emery

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd

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Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Hymn 36

Call to Worship 4 - The Commandments Back of Hymnal page 466

Prayer of Confession: Lord, with the weepers, we weep. With the warriors, we yearn for peace. With the exiles, we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from You, We live in an uncertain world—time and again we turn to people who promise us security. But God, You are our only source of safety. Help us turn to You, our heart's true home. Call us again and lead us home. Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in You. You are the source of every blessing; forgive us for the multitude of our transgressions. Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please take a moment of silent confession).

Assurance of Pardon

I Love You Lord 2x Insert Response

Jovs & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

748 Scripture Readings *Lamentations 1:1-9

Luke 17:5-10 954 1084

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Time for Children

I Need Thee Every Hour 318 *Hymn

Sermon "Feeling Grief" Rev. Thomas Emery The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Congregational Prayer Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Hymn **Penpark** Welsh Hymnal, 26

Christ the Bread of Life: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in alory.

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Prayer

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Sanctus Welsh Hymnal, 30

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,945.90	Needed to Date:	\$91,489.96	
Rec'd 2025-9-28	\$1,622	Rec'd to Date:	\$89,267.11	

Sunday: <u>10-05-2025</u> 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship with Rev. Thomas Emery

Worldwide Communion

(Nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)

Tuesday: <u>10-07-2025</u>

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Trinity Global Methodist

Church in Van Wert.

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study at Salem Church

Thursday: <u>10-09-2025</u>

Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Portal 2:20

Teen Center, 634 N. Washington Street.

Sunday: <u>10-12-2025</u> 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship (Nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

10:45 AM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the items we collect for October are shampoo and conditioner.

There is a **sign up sheet** in the front vestibule to help teach Sunday School.

All Saints Day is a day of remembrance of the faithful people of God who have died in the past year. If you would like your friend or family member's name read during the service on November 2, please contact Jen Pugh no later than October 26th.

The **Shoebox Project**—For the last 30 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts, and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Pamphlets and shoeboxes are in the prayer room. The collection day is Sunday, **November 16**.

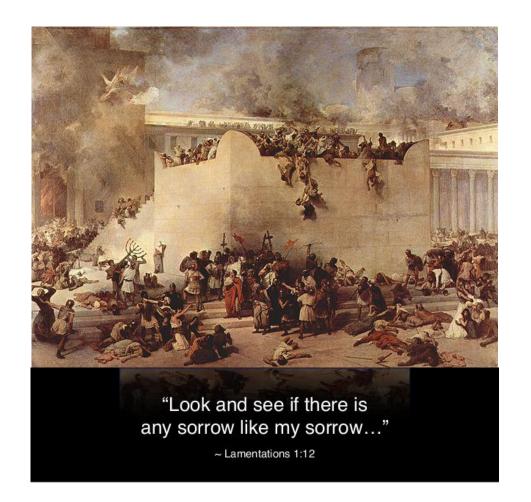
Please take photos and contribute updates, recipes, and ideas for the next **Salem newsletter**, "**Sounds of Salem**." Submit them to PastorTomEmery@live.com

Upcoming Birthdays

8th Bob McCollow 13th David Breese 13th Carter Dunlap 13th Kayla Owens/Mumford 14th Jason Kimmet 22nd Ashley Finn

Upcoming Anniversaries

7th Jason & Sarah Kimmet 21st Bob & Kathy McCollow



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Prayer Concerns:

Allen Breece

Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)

Jeff Coil (recovering from back surgery)

Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)

Millie Fletcher

Ellen Friesner

Shana Fryer

Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)

Charlie Good (prostate cancer)

Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese

Elizabeth Holscher

Mike Hyatt (thyroid cancer)

Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor)

Mary Lou Morgan (Eleanor Morgan's daughter)

David Morris (Zeb)

Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh's stepdad

Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)

Bianca Richards (leukemia)

Loretta Williams (recovering from a broken leg)

The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country:

Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marines)

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TEACHING POINTS

Hebrew Language Acrostic

POINT ONE – *A* is for Feeling Abandonment.

POINT TWO – **B** is for Feeling Brokenness.

POINT THREE – *C* is for Crying.

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

She defiled herself with immorality and gave no thought to her future. Now she lies in the gutter with no one to lift her out. "LORD, see my misery," she cries. "The enemy has triumphed" (Lamentations 1:9 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Jerusalem feels that she has no one to whom she can turn. Her illicit lovers have rejected her. Her false God-denying priests are dead. Her enemies laugh at her. She is alone in her grief and disappointment. When a catastrophe strikes, one of a few responses is possible. One can allow grief to overpower us, and we fall under its weight. Or, one can turn to God, believing in God's love despite the facts before us. Why not choose to believe in the God of the Covenant? Why not also reach out and help others, sharing with them the story of our faithful and merciful God?

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