Salem Presbyterian Church

18^h Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 12, 2025

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Seth Baker

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Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

*<u>Hymn</u> Be Thou My Vision

Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-12 517

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have hidden our light and failed to share the love of Christ. We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve, from the cities and towns where He carried out His ministry. We have chosen instead to make our home in the isolated places where Jesus retreated for prayer. And even there, our prayers have been primarily for ourselves. We have deemed our church an escape from Van Wert County, rather than a sanctuary for it. We have deemed ourselves Your chosen people but forsaken the ministry of reconciliation. In Your infinite mercy, forgive us our sins and set us on the path of true righteousness, that we may find the joy of our salvation as we seek the welfare of the world around us, especially Van Wert County. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please take a moment of silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Response I Love You Lord 2X See Insert

Joys & Concerns of the Church Prayers of the People

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

Scripture Readings *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Luke 17:11-19 2 Timothy 2:8-15 955 1084

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Time for Children

*<u>Hymn</u> Take Time to Be Holy

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Sermon

"A Godly Community"

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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 of Dedication**

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal, 40

*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:	\$2,345.90	Needed to Date:	\$93,835.85
Rec'd 2025-10-05	\$1,950.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$91.217.11

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

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

5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: <u>10-14-2025</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>10-16-2025</u>

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

Teen Center, 634 N. Washington Street.

Sunday: <u>10-19-2025</u> 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:45 AM Session 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 to be read during the service on November 2, please don't hesitate to contact Jen Pugh by October 26th.

The **Shoebox Project**—For the last 32 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

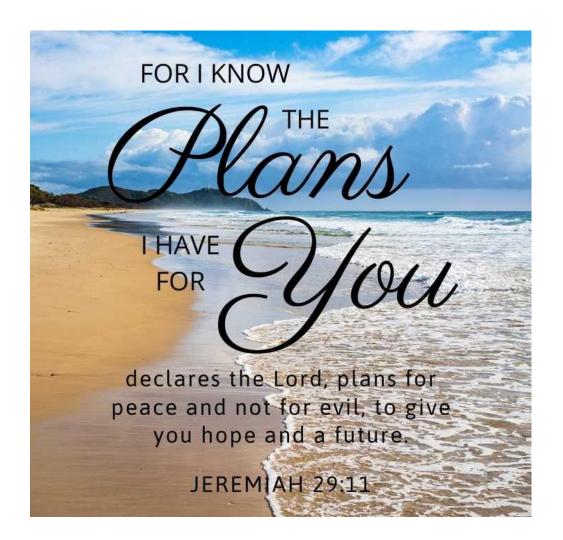
Upcoming Birthdays

13th David Breese 13th Carter Dunlap 13th Kayla Owens/Mumford

14th Jason Kimmet 22nd Ashley Finn 23rd Remi Finn

Upcoming Anniversaries

21st Bob & Kathy McCollow 30th Kevin & Kristen Price



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P.O. Box 678, Venedocia, 0H 45894 419-667-4142 Office, 7ext, and Voice Mail October 12, 2025

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 (at the Manor recovering from a broken leg)

The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country:

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POINT TWO – If you trust Him, God has a plan for your life that is better than what you can imagine.

POINT THREE – Basically, our deepest desire is God-filled serenity.

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ACTION POINT

Like the exiles who first received Jeremiah's letter, we are understandably looking for a Word of peace. God's message to us is the same one that the refugees received: Get to work. Reach out actively and in love to others. Love both those who are easy to like because they are like us and those who are unfamiliar, uncomfortable, and unsettling to us. It is this kind of walk with God that we will find the peace that is promised. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. It is always there, in the unfamiliar, the uncomfortable and the unsettling, that we will find Christ and what we really want out of life.

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