



# 108<sup>th</sup> GYMANFA GANU



Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Welcome Jan Jones

Prelude *Prelude (based on Aberystwyth)* Connie O'Neill

The National Anthem: **The Star Spangled Banner** VIII  
*Presentation of Flags*

Invocation Rev. Thomas Emery

Opening Hymn: **Rachie** 1

Introductions Jan Jones

Group One Hymns: **Diadem** 13/14  
**Deemster** 29  
**Blodwen** 60  
**Arglwydd, Dyma Fi** 96

Group Two Hymns: **Milwaukee** 6  
**Penpark** 26  
**Sandon** 27  
**Mae D'Eisiau Di Bob Awr** 62

Special Music **O Come To The Savior** **Chancel Choir**  
*(comp. Eric Whitacre)*

**Blessed Are They** **Chancel Choir**  
*(comp. Haydn Morgan)*

Group Three Hymns: **Bryn Calfaria** 3  
**Huddersfield** 18/19  
**The Lily of the Valley** 113/114

Offertory **All Through the Night** Connie O'Neill

Group Four Hymns: **Dring I Fyny** 107/108  
**Penpark** 26  
**Cwm Rhondda** 40  
**Calon Lan** 66

Welsh Nat'l Anthem: **Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau** X

Benediction Rev. Thomas Emery

Closing Hymn: **God Be With You** 117  
*Please stand and hold hands for the closing hymn.*

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**Director:** Truman Littler **Chancel Choir** from the  
**Organist:** Connie O'Neill First Presbyterian Church in Van Wert  
**Choir Director:** Greg Pysh  
**Choir Pianist:** Harriet Schaadt

**Ushers:** Dan Lloyd Don Owens Eric Pugh  
Jeff Owens Bob McCollow

**Music Committee:**  
Kathy McCollow (President) Jan Jones  
Carla Breese (treasurer) Claudia LeValley  
Denise Pugh (secretary) Lisa Lloyd

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**Thank you** for coming and for lending your voice to this evening of music!

**Thank you** to members of our congregation who helped in any way with this joyful night of praise in song!

**DIRECTOR |** **TRUMAN LITTLER** , Mr. Truman Littler, will be our director this year. He also directed in 2024, and we welcome him back. Originally from Oil City, Pennsylvania, Truman is now in his fourth year as Choir Director at Elida Middle School where he teaches over 190 students in grades 6-8. In addition to teaching, he coaches Track & Field and serves on the school's PBIS committee. He is also on the Marching Band Staff at Bath High School. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Youngstown State University. Previously, he held the position of Assistant Conductor with the Stambaugh Chorus of Youngstown, including a notable performance at Carnegie Hall. He is a member of the Lima Symphony Chorus, Trinity Chancel Choir and the 4Praising Quartet. He is also involved with The Lima Encore Theatre. His professional affiliations include the Ohio Music Education Association, American Choral Directors Association, and Ohio Association of Track & Cross-Country Coaches.

**ORGANIST |** **CONNIE O'NEILL**, grew up here at Salem Church and is the daughter of the late Haydn and Marvel Lloyd. As an accomplished organist and pianist, she has performed at previous Gymanfi. Connie lives in New Bremen with her husband, Kevin. She teaches piano lessons and enjoys her grandchildren.

***Chancel Choir from the First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert will be performing under the direction of Greg Pysh.*** The choir will be performing two special numbers. One of the pieces was written by Haydn Morgan in 1958, who had his roots in Venedocia and went on to compose several pieces during his accomplished music career. The song he composed for a special dedication at Van Wert Presbyterian church is titled, "Blessed Are They". The choir will also perform, "O Come to the Savior" composed by Eric Whitacre with lyrics by Frederick Faber and adapted by Greg Pysh.

**A very special thank you to all the musicians for sharing their talents with us this evening.**

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