

Salem United Methodist Church

November 27, 2022 First Sunday Of Advent

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24:7, 10)

“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.” We offer our worship to the Lord God Almighty!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **O God of hope, you are the One who calms our fears. You send your message to us in many ways, and as many times as we need; we can release our fears because you are with us. We place our trust in you for you are our sure and steadfast anchor. So we celebrate the promises you have already fulfilled, and the fulfillment of promises to come. Help us to hold hope as we offer our thankful praise to you. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #694

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

SUNG RESPONSE “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” #204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM “Simple Praise”
(words by Pamela Martin and music by Craig Courtney)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison): **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will**

be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1: 26-45(NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE “Do Not Be Afraid: Hold Hope”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): **Holy God, we give thanks for your gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the abundant life you offer to us. We respond to your grace with these gifts and our faithful service. Bless this offering that it may be used for your glory, and to witness to the hope and salvation Jesus Christ brings. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

*DOXOLOGY #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*CLOSING MUSIC “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #196

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Irish Blessing
May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face. The rain fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church! Thank you for joining us today in worship.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Amy Krebs, Liturgist
Mark Carter, Tech Team Producer
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director
Katy Stevens, Director of Music
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

Child Care is available for our younger children during the 10:45 a.m. service in the nursery room downstairs. **Junior Church** begins after the Children's Message.

TODAY – last day for food drive donations

THIS WEEK (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 11/28 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Church office & Zoom – use the link on the website under "Community" and then select Bible Study)

Wednesday, 11/30 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday, 11/30 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)

Saturday, 12/3 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Shop (Fellowship Hall)

UPCOMING (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Sunday, 12/4 – Nut & Candy orders due (order forms in Narthex & online)

Wednesday, 12/14 7:00 p.m. – Service of Healing & Hope (Chapel)

Mission Opportunity: To show "generosity in love" in action, **Salem is collecting non-perishable foods and personal hygiene supplies through today** to be donated to the food pantry at Perry Hall UMC. The Perry Hall UMC Food Pantry serves many clients each month – last month they helped 130 families (over 440 people!). All donations need to be in date and unopened. A collection box & list of items can be found in the Narthex.

Salem is sponsoring 25 children from Magnolia Elementary School with Christmas gifts this year. We are known for our generosity in doing this special project each year at Magnolia. Monetary donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Please mark your donation "Christmas Families."

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