

Salem United Methodist Church

January 25, 2026

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (quotes Psalm 112)

"Praise the Lord! Those who honor the Lord, who adore God's commandments, are truly happy! Their righteousness stands forever. They shine in the dark for others who do right. They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous." We offer our worship to the glory of God.

UNISON PRAYER: Almighty God, you are gracious and merciful. You have given us Jesus to be our Savior and Redeemer because of your great love for us. Jesus calls us to follow in his way of self-giving and service. Help us to live out our commitment each day with joy and humility as members of the body of Christ. We pray in his holy name. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" #185

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Matthew 5:13-16 NRSV

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

"A Glorious Impact"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): Eternal God, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus our Savior. In response to your grace and love, we dedicate ourselves to you. We offer our gifts and our lives for your glory. By your grace at work among us, may we live as true servants of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

"This Little Light of Mine" #585

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.

BEING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Bob Kimball, Zoom Host

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Katy Stevens, Director of Music

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

This Week (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 1/26 7:00 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study on Ruth; Zoom only -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>

Monday, 1/26 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Tuesday, 1/27 9:30 a.m. - Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

Wednesday, 1/28 10:00 a.m. - Morning Bible Study (Office)

Upcoming

Next Sunday, 2/1 Holy Communion during our worship services

Sunday, 2/8 both services – Souper Bowl of Caring (will support the 755 Alliance in Edgewood); monetary donations and the following are needed: canned pasta, hamburger helper, boxed macaroni & cheese, cereal, and various hygiene products.

Wednesday, 2/11 7:00 p.m. – Unified Leadership Board Meeting (Salem Room)

Wednesday, 2/18 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship (in-person and online)

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