

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
The Candle of Hope

Today's Worship Leaders:

John Mindrup, Assistant Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

Greeting / Life & Mission of Salem

Blue prayer cards are located in the pew racks for you to write and share your prayer concerns. These prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn of the service by the ushers.

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Hope

Greg, Paige, Haley, Sydney Basler

+Call to Worship

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, or human imagination envisioned what You have prepared for Your people.

Greater than what has been prepared for us is the one who prepares it! Our tongues cannot exalt You high enough, O Lord most high!

If winter brings a hush in the choruses and scenes of summer life, it is only the curtain that covers the next great act. You, O Lord, amaze us with glory ever poised to unfold!

We are familiar with the days in a season, yet all seasons exist and have purpose in You. All declare Your wonder, and we, with them, sing You praise!

+Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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+Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and love, all things are held together and purposed through You. Forgive us Lord, for ways we have placed our plans and considered our ways before Yours. Forgive us, as we have been critical rather than being thankful and trusting You, for being demanding and resentful, rather than accepting the cross we are called to bear for Your glory. Encourage us in Your perfect love, O Lord, that we walk in wholeness and beauty with You. Amen

+Assurance of Pardon

+Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Fath`er, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

+Passing of the Peace

Time with Children

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Special Music

“Soon He Will Come”

Salem Chancel Choir

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Message

“What We Need”

+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory

+Doxology

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

+Prayer of Dedication

The Celebration of Communion

We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion in remembrance of the love and hope Christ brings to this day and to our lives. Salem Church, as a United Church of Christ, practices “open” communion meaning anyone who has chosen to follow Jesus Christ is welcome to the table by His invitation. Come as you are for you are welcome here!

+Communion Hymn

“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”

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+Invitation

+Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Open your hearts. **We open them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise

Words of Institution

Sharing the Gifts of God

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

+Closing Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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+The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

(Please Hold Hands)

+Benediction

+Response

“Emmanuel”

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel*

+Postlude

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+ Indicates where you may stand, if able; **bold print** indicates where the congregation reads.

**The Nursery is available and staffed for children age 3 and under.
Parents please sign-in and sign-out your child(ren). Thank you.**

We, Salem UCC, broadcast our worship service on the internet via Livestream. If you have concerns regarding your image or your family’s image being broadcast, you may want to consider sitting in the balcony, the wings, or the back of the church. Children’s Time is broadcast, so please take that under consideration.

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~ SALEM'S CALENDAR ~

Sunday	Dec. 3	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion (First Sunday of Advent) Praise Team Practice following Worship Exhale
Monday	Dec. 4	6:30 p.m.	Property Board
Tuesday	Dec. 5	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Dec. 6	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Salem Chimes Practice Confirmation Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Dec. 7	7:00 p.m.	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	Dec. 10	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship (Second Sunday of Advent) Praise Team Practice following Worship Exhale

~ SALEM'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

GIVING TREE SLIPS

Giving Tree unwrapped gifts are DUE Today. We will be making deliveries for the Blue, Green, and White tags this week. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Reinhardt 488-7745 or Paige Basler 488-7384.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring a Christmas Gift Shop on Sunday, December 17, following worship. The Christmas Gift Shop is for all children through 5th grade. An item for each member of a child's family will be given to that child at no cost. If anyone would like to donate new or gently used items for the Christmas Gift Shop, the Board of Christian Education will graciously accept. The Board of Christian Education would like to have any donated items by Sunday, December 10.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In December, funds received in the "Christmas" envelopes will be donated to Hoyleton Ministries. The Hoyleton Ministries are dedicated to helping all people realize the quality of life that God intends. Their staff provides compassionate care to thousands of children who have, through no fault of their own, entered the child welfare system. Your donation helps to provide the resources necessary for the Hoyleton Ministries to care for the most vulnerable members of our communities.

SALEM SEEKERS

"The Christmas Story" Rotation	December 10
Gathering Room	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
All Children – Parish Hall Upstairs (Drama & Music)	
Gathering Room	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

TODAY'S MINISTRY

Acolytes: Elizabeth Brown, Erin Brown
Greeter: Dave & Jerri Riechmann
Liturgist: Irving Gray
Nursery: Amanda Brase, Jennifer Hunsche
Sound: Ron Mindrup
Ushers: Jessica Ketcham, Sharon Kaufman
Doris Driscoll, Haley Basler
Brady Quade