

December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent  
The Candle of Joy

*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.*

**Preservice**

**"The First Noel"  
"The Little Drummer Boy"  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

**Erin Brown  
Elizabeth Brown  
Riley Mansholt**

**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 – Joy**

**Chad, Richelle, Camie,  
Taylor, Blake Ernst**

**+Call to Worship**

Great is our Lord. The wind whispers His name. The prairies call out to Him!

**Prayers, petitions, praise, Thanksgiving, and fervent love flow like a  
river to You, O wondrous God!**

There must be rejoicing! The world cannot be silent, even though we can never say  
enough of God and his love!

**We lift our voices in song; strings reverberate the story of Your  
goodness. Bells chime the wonder of Your promise. Hearts behold  
Your majesty! Praise the Lord!**

**+Opening Prayer**

**+Opening Hymn**

**"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

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**+Passing of the Peace**

**Baptism**

**Xarie Aminda Griffith**

**(See Insert)**



**+Closing Hymn**

**“Joy to the World”**

**(see insert)**

**Jim Annable – Trumpet    Joye Brase - Piano  
Darrin Reinhardt – Trombone    Faye Brown - Keyboard**

**+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.**

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**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 SEEKERS**

<b>“The Christmas Story” Rotation</b>	<b>December 24</b>
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
<b>All Children – Parish Hall Upstairs Christmas Even Program Practice</b>	
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

**TODAY’S MINISTRY**

**Acolytes:** Clara Doubet, Grace Quart  
**Greeter:** Gene & Terri Templeman  
**Liturgist:** Laura Muench  
**Nursery:** Clint & Jenna Conrad  
**Ushers:** Laverne Korsmeyer, Judy Blom  
Laura Muench, Justin Bonnell  
Paige Basler

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		5:00-7:00 p.m.	Exhale Christmas Party
Tuesday	Dec. 19	12:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens Christmas Potluck
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		6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
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		11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP**

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## **EXHALE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Exhale Christmas Party tonight from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring a white elephant gift and a snack to share with the group!

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# Joy to the World

Vs. 1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

vs. 2

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

vs. 3 - Chancel Choir only

vs. 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, and wonders of his love.