

December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Candle of Love

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

"Carol of the Bells"

Jordan Lynn, Tori Lynn, Darrin Reinhardt, Dale Miller

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

"Christmas Carols"

Salem Band

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 – Love

Marcus, Sarah, Clara, Bradley, Annabelle, Zachary Doubet

+Call to Worship

A bright star shone over a stable in Bethlehem long ago. The light of Christ has come to our world! Joy to the world!

**Angels lifted choruses of praise. Shepherds knelt in humble adoration.
One day every knee will bow before Christ our King! Great is His
righteousness!**

The hopes of mankind for many long years has rested in the coming of Christ our Savior. Christ has come to break the chains of sin and death and set the captives free. Christ is Lord of all!

**How lovely is the coming of Christ for those who waited for Him, for
those who seek him today. We rejoice in His coming! Emmanuel, God
is with us!**

+Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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+Passing of the Peace

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory

“Little Drummer Boy”

Jordan Lynn, Tori Lynn, Darrin Reinhardt, Dale Miller

+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

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Christmas Program

Special Music

“Jingle Bells”

Kristal Bells

“Away in a Manger”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“I’m Giving”

Special Music

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Kristal Bells

“Silent Night”

“We Three Kings”

“Sing Out with Joy and Gladness”

“Joy to the World”

(Children sing verse 1, then the Congregation sings verse 1 and verse 4)

(Verse 1)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

(Verse 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, wonders of His love.

+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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TODAY'S MINISTRY

Acolytes: Clara Doubet, Grace Quart
Greeter: Gene & Terri Templeman
Ushers: Blake Ernst, Heath Follwell,
Syler Hogg, Logan Mollet

SALEM SEEKERS

No Salem Seekers
December 31, 2017

SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Salem UCC Band

Flute

Becca Braundmeier

Brianna Follwell

Tori Lynn

Theresa Reinhardt

Oboe

Jordan Lynn

Clarinet

Jan Piskacek

Bari Sax

Chris Uhe

Trumpet

Jim Annable

Ali Brase

Jordan Braundmeier

Jayden Henschen

Trombone

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		11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion
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Wednesday	Dec. 27	6:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice No Chimes, Ringers, or Chancel Choir No Confirmation
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