

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 25, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

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.

+Call to Worship

God so loved the world that He gave His only son. The love of God, the gift of God to the world, is Christ our Lord. It is our great joy to receive the Lord!

Every goodness we hold dear in this season of blessing is a gift from You, O Lord. Because You have come Jesus, we have every good thing forever! Praise be to our gracious Lord!

Christ is come; nothing remains as it was. Light comes out of darkness. He has given us beauty for ashes and the oil of gladness for mourning. Christ has come, our joy remains forever!

+Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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+Prayer of Confession

Let us together confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

+Gloria Patri

Glorify be to the Father, 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

Special Music

“Come Let Us Adore Him”
Jim Annable – Trumpet
Faye Brown – Baritone
Darrin Reinhardt – Trombone
Chris Uhe – Bari Saxophone
Donal Reagan – Drum Set

Salem Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Message

“God with Us”

+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory

“Light of the Stable”
Darrin Reinhardt, Tori Lynn, Jordan Lynn
Donal Reagan – Drum Set

+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! (The center rings of the tray are wine and the outer ring is grape juice.)

+Communion Hymn

“What Child is This”

180

+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

“How Great Our Joy”

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+The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

(Please Hold Hands)

+Benediction

+Response

“Go, Tell It on the Mountains”

*Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born!*

+Postlude

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