

## Ringling 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

All that we have and are is because of Your love, mercy, and grace, most wonderfully high God!

**How great is our thankfulness to our Lord God most high! Christ has come to save us from sin and death! Our Savior calls us to walk with Him! How precious is our journey! How beautiful are all our days with our Lord!**

You have made us each a unique artistry from your skillful hand. You have supplied us with talents and resources, so that we may glorify You through our love for all people and the world You have made. Great is our God!

**We cannot praise You high enough, nor serve You with all the devotion due You O Lord. We give You our fervent desire with all the soul we have. We forever glorify Your Name!**

### +Opening Prayer

### +Opening Hymn

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

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### +Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that You love us and have called us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of our world and our ways. Our successes leave us empty, our progress does not satisfy, our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of Your word, and our insensitivity to the need of others, and our failure to feed the Spirit that is within us through Christ our Redeemer. Merciful God hear our prayer. 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**

**Welcoming New Members**

Christina Carroll  
Kathy Stille

**Time with Children**

**Psalm Reading**

Psalm 29

**Special Music**

*“On Eagles Wings”*

Emily & Katelyn Duncan

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:4-11

**Message**

*“The Voice of the Lord”*

**+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)**

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God**

**Invitation & Offertory**

**+Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

**+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**

*“The Star Carol”*

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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

*“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

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

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### **SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:**

<b>Pastor John Mindrup – Assistant Pastor</b> johnc1956@live.com	<b>Dawn Reinhardt – Music Director</b> rnhrtfamfarm@agtelco.com
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### **SALEM SEEKERS**

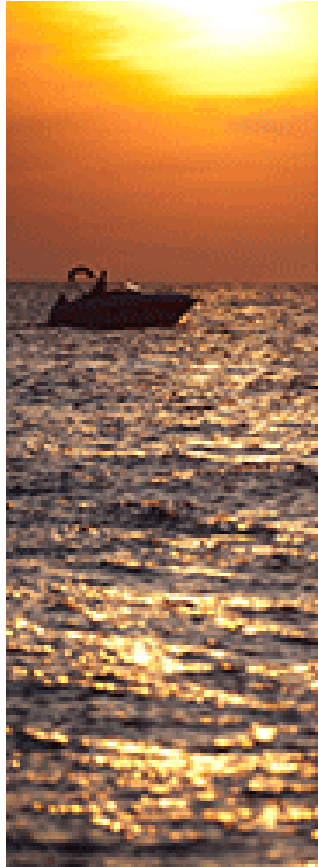
<b>“Daniel &amp; the Lion’s Den” Rotation</b>	<b>January 14</b>
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
<b>Scribe’s Den (Puppets)</b>	K, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2nd Grades
<b>Faith Island (Art &amp; Games)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5th Grades
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

### **TODAY’S MINISTRY**

**Acolytes:** Caitlyn Burton, Brandt Mansholt  
**Greeter:** Cherie Kuhn  
**Liturgist:** Patty Uhe  
**Nursery:** Heather Luitjohan, Sarah Doubet  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Ushers:** Denise Grandame, Greg Reinhardt  
Leroy & Bev Engelke  
Sharyn Gieseking

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The voice  
of the  
**LORD**  
is over the  
waters ...

Psalm 29:3, NRSV



**January 7, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.**

**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.***

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