

December 2, 2018
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

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

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

Dawn & Greg Reinhardt

+Call to Worship

As children that press their faces against a window pane, for the sure and certain coming we wait for You, even as we wait with You, O victorious Lord!

As we consider every possibility of this present temporal life, however good we find our days, all is nothing without Your promise, O Lord most high!

We wait with great expectation, yet even now the surety of Your victory is with us! Even today we celebrate in You. The concerns of our present time are as nothing is compared to the promise of You our risen Savior!

Our hope is grounded in You O Lord! You came at Christmas that we might know the way and be invited in. You paid the cost of our way! You have risen victorious and we forever celebrate our Lord!

+Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"

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+Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come to You with the regrets of times where we have and continue to go in our own way, apart from You. Our ways of selfishness are disastrous to ourselves and the lives of those we touch. While our regrets are understandable, they pay no cost for the sins we are responsible for. We

need a savior! We need You O Loving Lord! We bring You no list of wrongs today; but rather humble, contrite hearts, accepting that we are sinners in need of your mercy and grace. Forgive us O Lord. Even now, we know You have paid the high cost of our wrong. Open our hearts and minds to You, that we may glorify You in all our ways! Thanks be to our Lord! 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

Psalm Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Special Music

“Soon He Will Come”

Salem Chancel Choir
Donal Reagan - Percussion

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Message

“God’s Time”

+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory

“You’ll Never Walk Alone”

Ken Suhre

+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 member of 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

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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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.

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.

~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	December 2	9:00 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion (First Sunday of Advent) No Praise Team Practice Lunch following Worship (before caroling)
		1:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes
		4:00 p.m.	Exhale
Monday	December 3	10:00 a.m.	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
		6:30 p.m.	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	December 4	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	December 5	6:00 p.m.	Chimes Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:30 p.m.	Ringers Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	December 6	7:00 p.m.	BOCE Meeting
Saturday	December 8	6:30 a.m.	Salem Movie Night – <i>The Polar Express</i>
Sunday	December 9	9:00 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship (Second Sunday of Advent) Praise Team Practice following Worship
		5:00 p.m.	Exhale

SALEM UCC MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night at Salem UCC on Saturday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. This is a free event and all ages are welcome. "*The Polar Express*" will be shown and we'll supply the hot chocolate and cookies!!

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring a Christmas Gift Shop on Sunday, December 16, 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. While the children are shopping at the Christmas Gift Shop, the Board of Christmas Education will have cookies in the Parish Hall basement for the parents. 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 9.

TOY DRIVE

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EXHALE ADOPT A FAMILY SHOPPING

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PECAN SALES

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MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS

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NURSERY

A parent must accompany their child(ren) in the Nursery as the Nursery is not staffed. Livestream is available for viewing the service in the Nursery.

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