

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

“Ye Holy Angels Bright”

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

The Lord is my Shepherd; He guides me with a keen eye and a loving heart!

**Though the way is treacherous with narrow paths and steep inclines,
yet You guide us safely through! Blessed be the name of our Lord!**

Your power is all consuming; nothing can defeat You! Great is the victory of God!

**We praise You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! You are the author of life,
goodness and love; by Your victory over darkness our names are
written in Your book. Thanks be unto God!**

+Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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+Prayer of Confession

Loving Savior, You gave Your life that we live forever in the wonder of Your kingdom. You have bought our freedom with Your life. We do not always live as free people. We foolishly allow ourselves to be driven by fear, while we neglect the needs of our sisters and brothers. We have often been so absorbed in the cares of the world that we have not even listened for the cry of those in pain. We failed to trust and serve You with singleness of heart. Forgive us O merciful God. Make new and right hearts within us, that we may ever bring You glory! 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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon in Song

**Highland High School
Madrigal Singers**

“Christmas Roundelay”

“A Babe is Born”

“God Rest”

“Jingle Bells”

“Bring a Torch”

“Deck the Halls”

“Riu Riu”

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory

“A Christmas Pastorate”

+Doxology

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, let us adore Him,

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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

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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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

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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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.

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.

Large print song sheets are available upon request. Please see an usher.

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TODAY’S MINISTRY

Greeter: Jim Annable

Acolytes: Caitlyn Burton, Jordan Briggs

Sound: Ron Mindrup

Ushers: Jerry & Ann Frank, Madison Frank, Sherri/Dean Korsmeyer, Sandy Blom

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January 6, 2019 – 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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		6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:30 p.m.	Ringers Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Men's Choir Practice
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MISSION OPPORTUNITY

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