

Salem Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 1, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jen & Eric Pugh



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn O Worship the King 1

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Call to Worship Psalm 148 571

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, we are a people formed by Your Word in Christ; **but we have wandered away from Your truth**, we have broken Your commandments, **we have distorted Your teachings to serve our own ends**, we have failed to trust Your promises, **and we have refused Your mercy**. Ground us again, O Holy One, **in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus**. Nourish us on the bread of His teachings until we can taste Your goodness. **Renew us at the fountain of His wisdom**, so we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to You. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** (Please take a moment of silent confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 2:1-5 618
Matthew 24:36-44 903
Romans 13:11-14 1034

Special Music Connie O'Neill

Special tribute to LaDonna Allenbaugh for her years of service

Time for Children

*Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 84

Sermon "The Light of Christ Casts Out Our Darkness" Rev. Thomas Emery

*Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory: *Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings.*

Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 83

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.



Financial Update

Needed Weekly:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$91,427.22
Rec'd 11-24-19:	\$4,293.75	Rec'd to Date:	\$104,028.62

Sunday: 12-1-2019

9:30 AM
10:30 AM
11:30 AM

Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*) Peace Offering
Advent breakfast
Confirmation Class / Weds. at 6:30 PM

Tuesday:

12-3-2019 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:

12-4-2019 Noon- Senior Luncheon

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:30 AM
11:30 AM
12:30 PM
5:00 PM

12-8-2019

Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*) gravy packets due
Cassy and Emmanuel Yeboah-Mantey reception
Confirmation Class / Weds. at 6:30 PM
Session Meeting
Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Don't forget the **Prayer Sheet** is on the back table which will be read during our prayer time.

Women's Bible Study Tuesday at 7 PM. All women are invited.

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with **poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd today, **December 1st**.

The **Christmas Program** is on December 15th. The Venedocia Santa visit is at 2 PM. The evening **Christmas Caroling** will start at 4 PM with the **Manse Party** following at 6:30 PM.

Christmas Eve Service is moved from 10 PM to 9 PM on December 24.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the December newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

5th-Dave Owens

8th-Paige Thatcher

9th-Jason Lloyd

Upcoming Anniversaries:

16th-Kent & Heather McClure



Isaiah 2:1-5

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Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
John Davis (stroke)
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Connie Johnson (cancer)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

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TEACHING POINTS

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POINT TWO – *Light casts out darkness.*

POINT THREE – *Our mission is to share the light of Christ in our dark world.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

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