

Salem Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carla Breese



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn What Child Is This? 94
Call to Worship Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 522

Prayer of Confession: When our faith is rooted deeply in You, O God, **our lives reflect Your Kingdom values of justice and righteousness**, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, **that Your values take second place**. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, **the source of power and life**. Merciful God, **strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in You**. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in You. **We watch and wait for Your breaking into our world once more**, in the person of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. **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 11:1-10 627
Matthew 3:1-12 878
Romans 15:4-13 1035

Special Music

Addie Breese & Anne Morris

Time for Children

*Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful 100

Sermon "Immanuel, God Is with Us" 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 Angels We Have Heard on High 89

*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:	\$93,372.48
Rec'd 12-01-19:	\$3,098.80	Rec'd to Date:	\$107,127.42

Sunday: 12-8-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*) gravy packets due
10:30 AM Cassy and Emmanuel Yeboah-Mantey reception
11:30 AM Confirmation Class / Weds. at 6:30 PM
12:30 PM Session Meeting
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 12-10-2019 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 12-15-2019
9:30 AM Christmas Program (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class / Weds. at 6:30 PM
2:00 PM Santa at Lion's Club
4:00 PM Christmas Caroling
6:30 PM Manse Open House

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.

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 at 9 PM on December 24.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

8th-Paige Thatcher
13th-Marilyn Stockton
9th-Jason Lloyd
17th-Jeremy Morris

Upcoming Anniversaries:

16th-Kent & Heather McClure



Isaiah 11:1-10

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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)
Connie Johnson (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth (heart problems)
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Marian Morris (failing health)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *There’s a wrong way and a right way to live.*

POINT TWO – *God Does Not Forget His Promises.*

POINT THREE – *We Need to Share What We Have with Others.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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⁷*The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like a cow.* ⁸*The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm (Isaiah 11:6-8 NLT).*

ACTION POINT

A perfect world is coming. We are the ones who are charged with preparations. We do that by living the Kingdom life now and by discovering the power of self-giving love. This Advent season is our chance to remember, to celebrate, and to announce to the world that the Messiah has come. Through Jesus, we can be restored to God and restored to one another. We have been called to walk in the light of the Lord. We have three weeks leading up to Christmas. I hope that you will share more of Jesus’ light and life this Advent with a world that needs so badly to know God’s hope and incredible love and peace.

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