

Salem Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday, January 26, 2020

Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Diane Morris



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1,4-9 493

*Hymn In the Garden 264

Prayer of Confession: God, our Light and Salvation, forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness, stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering. **You have called us to follow You and to fish for people, but too often we think that our way is the only way to do Your will.** Forgive us, Lord, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves. **Hear our cry as we come to You for unity.** Send Your Spirit to gather us as You desire us. **Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.** Teach us that the “same mind” You call us to have is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ, **in whose Name we pray.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of 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 9:1-7 624
Matthew 4:12-23 879
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 1038

Time for Children

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision 334

Sermon *Come Into the Light* 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 How Great Thou Art! 37

*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:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$5,966.34
Rec’d 01-19-20:	\$1,099.00	Rec’d to Date:	\$8,007.10

Sunday: 01-26-2020
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)
 Congregational meeting
 10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 01-28-2020 Women's Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 01-29-2020 Confirmation Class at 6:30 PM

Sunday: 02-02-2020
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
 Guest speaker **Emmanuel Yeboah-Mantey**
 Canned goods for **Superbowl of Caring [Salvation Army]**
 10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Emmanuel Yeboah-Mantey will be our guest speaker on the Gospel for next Sunday.

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

The **Confirmation Class** meets again **6:30 PM on Wednesday, the 29th** to finish up their twelve discipling classes.

The next **Session Meeting** is on **February 9th at 11:30 AM**.

Be sure to sign up for the **2020 Flower Chart** on the back bulletin Board.

The boxes with **Offering Envelopes** can be found on the white table in the prayer room. Please sign your name beside the box number you take for the year 2020.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

28 th -Scott Fair	30 th -Doris Price	30 th -John Smith	31 st -Carrie Jones
Feb 1 st -John Lloyd	1 st -Ashley McClure	4 th -Andrew Emery	4 th -Jerry Foust



ISAIAH 9:1-7

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Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Warren (Punkin) Burnett
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)

Serving our Country:

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Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Corey McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Tom Menker (cancer)
Marian Morris (failing health)
Joan Poling
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Isaiah is telling us that God did not make us for darkness.*

POINT TWO – *The Remedy for Darkness Is God's Light.*

POINT THREE – *The Good News Is That There is Life-Changing, Redemptive Power Found in a New King Born into This World.*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine (Isaiah 9:2 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Here is the promise of God, a promise set in motion two thousand years ago. It is a hope that will be brought to fulfillment someday when we least expect it. Jesus, the Messiah, has come to bring Light to a dark world. God has planted the seeds of His Kingdom in you and me. He has chosen believers from every tribe and every nation. Someday, Jesus will come again to establish that Kingdom eternally, and on that day, there will be no more darkness, because we will be in the presence of the Light of the World. “The people walking in darkness have seen a great Light. Those living in the land of the shadow of death will realize that a Light has dawned” (9:2). We are people of the Light if we have repented of our wrongs and made Christ Lord of our life. Everywhere we go in this world, we carry the essence of Jesus with us. It is our responsibility. It is our joy. So, go share the Good News that the Light of the World has come.

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