# Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Nov. 29th, 2020, First Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Seth Baker

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Carla Breese

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Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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\*Hymn:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Patient, everlasting source of life, we know that You are present with those who gladly do what is right. We know that You remember those who remember You. We know that Your judgment is just. We hunger for the assurance of Your love. But in our hearts, we feel unclean. We fear that the acts we think so righteous are more like filthy bits of cloth, unfit to dress a wound, or to clothe the naked. Do not be angry beyond measure, O holy and loving champion of the forgotten. Do not remember our sins forever, but embrace us with Your love. Yes, we are all Your people, even though we so often forget. We pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings \*Isaiah 64:1-9 680

Mark 13:24-37 925

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 1038

Time for Children

Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sermon: "Come to Us, Emmanuel" Rev. Thomas Emery

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\*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 our tithes and 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.

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# **Financial Update**:

Needed Weekly: \$1,988.78 Needed to Date: \$93,472.59 Rec'd 11-22-20: \$1,569.30 Rec'd to Date: \$101,472.70 Sunday: <u>11-29-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)

Tuesday: <u>12-1-20</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>12-6-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)

5:00 PM Trustee meeting

Tuesday: 12-8-20

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

# **Announcements:**

**The Women's Bible Study** is on Tuesdays at 7 PM during December.

Please continue collecting **gravy packets**. The goal for our church this year is 650 packages to donate to the Salvation Army by December 6<sup>th</sup>. We have collected 509 packets to date.

The **Advent Breakfast** is cancelled this year because of the Governor's orders.

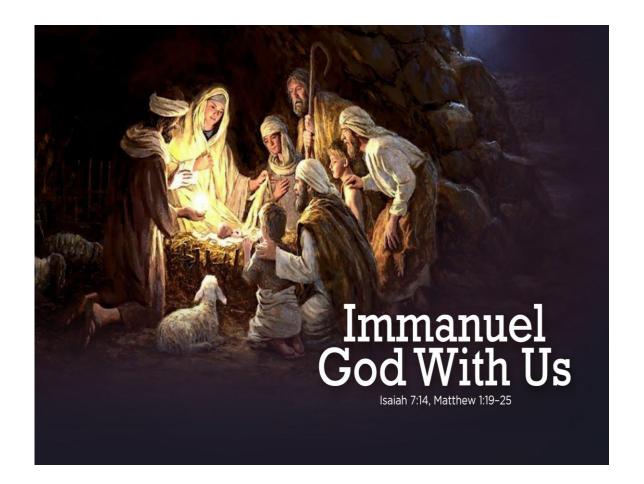
The **Youth Christmas Program** is on December 13<sup>th</sup>; there will be a holiday reception in the Prayer Room. There will also be a Christmas craft exchange for homemade crafts during our shut-in time; see Carol Emery about ideas.

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with **poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd. We are targeting 40 poinsettias.

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

# **Upcoming Birthdays**

29<sup>th</sup> Kathy McCollow 30<sup>th</sup> Mike Breese Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Dave Owens 8<sup>th</sup> Paige Thatcher



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Barry Coil (stroke)

Kathy Comer

Cathy Donnal (health issues)

Catie Emery (nightmares)

Melissa Fallis (Warren Summersett's granddaughter)

Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)

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#### **TEACHING POINTS**

First. O Come Emmanuel, we need You.

**Second.** O Come Emmanuel and stay with us.

Third. O Come Emmanuel and have Thine Own Way.

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64:8 NLT).

#### **ACTION POINT**

You see, the best thing that you and I can do today is to pray: "Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way. Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Your will, while I am waiting, yielded and still." The God about whom Isaiah wrote so long ago and whom we meet in Jesus Christ is none other than the master architect of human life. God's touch can change us when we are out of tune with lives that are battered and scarred by years of sinful living. As we continue to celebrate this wondrous Christmas season, let this be a time when we draw close to God and discover again the steadfast love of God. He is the God who suffers with us, and the God who redeems us with amazing grace and mercy.

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