Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, Dec 20th, 2020, 4th Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard

Pianist: Arlene Amstutz

The flowers are in loving memory of Lee and Marcile Lare from their kids, grandkids, and greatgrandkids

Prelude

Lighting of the Love Candle in character, Pamela Beamer Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 148 571

*<u>Hymn</u>: Joy to the World 87

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: We bow our heads in holy reverence. Oh God, we long to be free of burdens that hold us captive. We long to be bearers of good news to the oppressed. We long to return to Your favor. Forgive us our transgressions; loosen the chains of doubt that bind us. We thank You to hear our prayers. 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

Special Music Becky Reichard & Arlene Amstutz

 Scripture Readings
 *Isaiah 61:1-11
 678

 Luke 2:22-40
 933

 Galatians 4:4-7
 1061

Time for Children

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 38

Sermon: "Who Is This Coming Messiah?" 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

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 36

*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.

<u>Financial Update</u>:

Needed Weekly: \$1,988.78 Needed to Date: \$99,438.92 Rec'd 12-13-20: \$2,054.00 Rec'd to Date: \$106,432.00 Sunday: <u>12-20-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery is not staffed today)

Joy Offering

No Sunday School today

Tuesday: $\underline{12-22-20}$

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: <u>12-24-20</u>

9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Sunday: <u>12-27-20</u>

9:30 AM Worship w/guest speaker John Zerbe

(nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)No Sunday School today

Announcements:

A church-wide thank you, for those who decorated the chapel, participated in the Youth Service, cooked cookies and treats, and did the hundreds of things to make the Advent Service and the Christmas Season special.

Cookies and treats were given to the local nursing homes to thank the staff for taking care of our loved ones this COVID crisis.

Please sign up on the new 2021 Flower Calendar on the Bulletin Board.

The 2021 Offering Envelop Boxes can be found on the white table in the Prayer Room. Please sign your name beside the box number you take for the year 2021.

The Session Training Class will be at noon Sunday, January 10th. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Thanks to those who have served going off the Session and Trustees this year and to those who are newly serving next year.

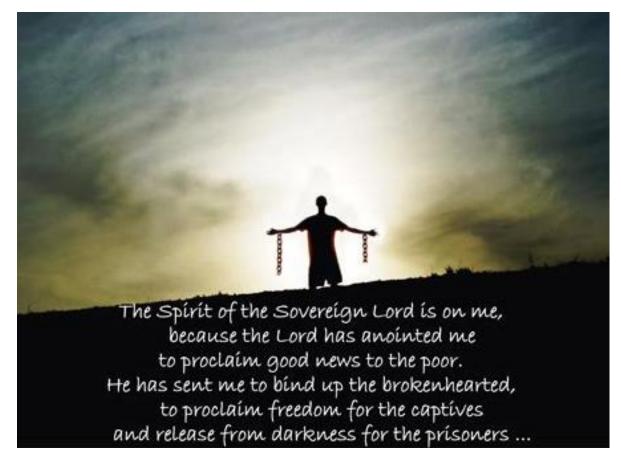
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the January newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

23rd Jeff Owens 24th-Mary Ellen Lloyd 30th Isaiah Pugh

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th Doug & Marilyn Stickler



Isaiah 61:1-11

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Kathy Comer

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Asher Eberle

Catie Emery (nightmares)

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Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)

Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)

Jerry Holscher

Dale Kiesza (leg operation)

Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

LuAnn (family issues)

John Lloyd

Donald Martin

David & Becky Martz

Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)

Byron Mohr

David Morris (Zeb)

Marian Morris

Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)

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Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's father)

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