

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship                      **Psalm 147:12-20**                      571

\*Hymn                                      **All Hail the Power**                      42

\*Prayer of Confession: Lord, You came into the world, but the world did not receive You. **You came to Your own, but Your own did not welcome You.** And still today, people turn away from You. **Sin still scars Your creation and the hearts of Your own people.** You offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who acknowledge their need of You. **Cleanse my heart this morning, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome You as I long to; certain that I am also welcomed by You.** Hear our prayer, O Lord. **In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.** *(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**

Epistle Lesson                                      **Ephesians 1:3-14**                      1064  
Gospel Lesson                                      **John 1:3-18**                      966

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn                                      **The Church's One Foundation**                      186

Sermon                                      "The Word Was God"                      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 Prayer

\*Response                                      **Praise God**                      Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn                                      **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**                      291

\*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: \$103,416.48  
 Rec'd 12/27/20:                      \$3,683.30                      Rec'd to Date:    \$112,849.17

**Sunday:** 1-3-2021  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)

**Tuesday:** 1-5-2021  
7:00 AM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 1-10-2021  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)  
1:00 PM Session Training Class  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The **2021 Offering Envelope 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.

Please **pick up your poinsettias** today. Feel free to take one home even if you didn't originally purchase a poinsettia. They will be discarded later this week.

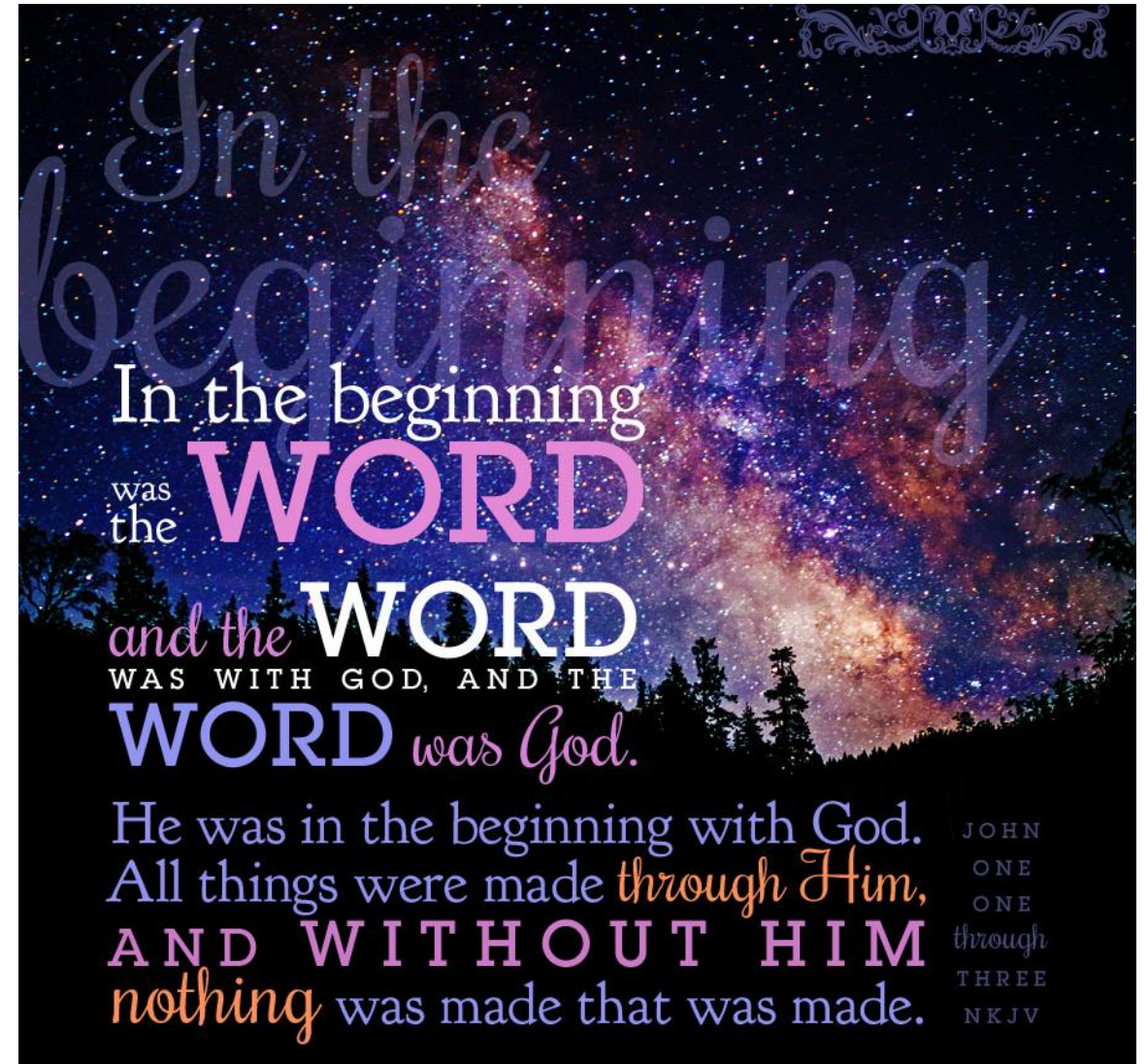
The **Session Training Class** will be at 1 PM, Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>; bring a snack to share. Thanks to those who have served going off the Session and Trustees this year and to those who are newly serving next year. See current Officers on next page.

Be sure to sign up for the **2021 Flower Chart** on the back-bulletin Board.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the February newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Emily Blackmore	5 <sup>th</sup> Karen Pugh	6 <sup>th</sup> -Jim Lloyd
7 <sup>th</sup> Nell Jean Wienken	7 <sup>th</sup> Loretta Williams	10 <sup>th</sup> -Dominic Adkins
11 <sup>th</sup> -Chelsy Lloyd	11 <sup>th</sup> Ashlyn Price	



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Katie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Rosemary Cooper  
Asher Eberle  
Melissa Fallis (Warren Summersett's granddaughter)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Marcia "Hundley" Hernandez  
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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### **TEACHING POINTS**

**Teaching Point One:** *God is approachable.* We are astonished at God's availability.

**Teaching Point Two:** *He knew life as we know life.* Therefore, in the midst of our anguish, pain, and disappointment, we can cry out and say, "Lord, you know how it is!"

**Teaching Point Three:** *In this world if people want to know what God looks like, they are going to look at us.* We cannot share the Good News unless our lives have become the Good News.

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1 NLT).

### **ACTION POINT**

We all wait for the One who enters our darkness, finds us and brings us out of the darkness. In Christ, God became clothed in human flesh, and God knows our struggles. Christ appointed His followers with the Great Commission of Matthew 28:10-20 to carry on His mission of rescuing people from the darkness. People who experience Christ's love do not do so by reading about it in a book. They experience love through other human beings who are Christ followers living in a way that brings glory to God. Seekers of God will come to know what God is like through knowing God's people. May you be a Christian known for sharing the light of Christ's love in this darken world.

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