Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 24th, 2021, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer		
Call to Worship	Psalm 62:5-12	515

O God, Our Help in Ages Past	10
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<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of Your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to Your healing presence. Though You stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments, rather than, let You open our hearts. We trust You, Holy One, and we pour out our hearts to You. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world— those words and deeds that keep us separated from Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
Joys & Concerns of the Prayers of the People	<u>Church</u>	
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer	
Special Music		Jr. Bell Choi

Scripture Rec	adings *Jonah 3:1-10 Mark 1:14-20 1 Corinthians 7:29-3	845 910 1 1042
Time for Child		1012
<u>Hymn</u> :	Praise Ye the Lord, t	he Almighty 13
Sermon:	"Jonah – You Cannot Outrun G	God" Rev. Thomas Emery

*<u>Apostle's Creed</u>: 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 <u>Response</u> *Prayer of Dedication	Praise Goo	I	Inside Front Cover
	* <u>Hymn:</u>	Amazing	Grace	236
*Taking the Light into the World				
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<u>01-24-21</u> Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris) Sunday School	
<u>01-26-21</u>	
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Announcements:

The Women's Bible Study is this Tuesday at 7 PM.

Today's topic in the **Adult Sunday school** is an introduction and discussion of the world acclaimed British **Alpha** series. We will openly discuss our own questions and doubts about God and our own faith. If you grew up in the church, it is a way to make your faith your own.

Please sign up on the new 2021 Flower Calendar.

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 2021.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

28th Scott Fair 30th John Smith 30th Doris Price 31st Carrie Jones



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TEACHING POINTS

First. God has universal love for all people.

Second. You cannot outrun God.

Third. Repentance leads to real change.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

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