

# South Salem Presbyterian Church Est. 1752

# February 4th, 2024 Year B

#### **PRELUDE**

The Prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the World and the Sanctuary. We cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon from the profane to the Holy.

#### WELCOME

**OPENING WORDS** 

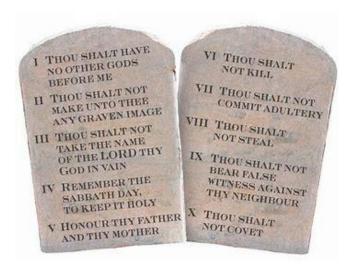
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*THE PEACE

Pass the Peace by emailing or calling someone later today.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c



#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

SERMON

When God is God

\*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY 606

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament will be celebrated each week during worship so have your own bread and wine/juice with you before we begin the service if you are joining us by virtual.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Today's liturgist is Katie Watkins

## **ॐ** Announcements **❖**

- Very soon the **ASK JONATHAN** (after Jonathan Edwards) Class for prospective members OR simply interested current members. It will probably only last about 90 minutes and we plan to schedule every 3 months or as needed/wanted. Mark and Liza will lead. Let us know of your interest.
- Please give us your email address so you can be included in weekly blast and the weekly friends of SSPC
- If you're interested in being a **liturgist for a service**, email the office to plan a date <u>office@southsalempc.org.</u>
- For our SSPC Friends: I will at times send a special devotional to our Friends of South Salem Presbyterian Church (and hope to have an occasional Zoom meeting). If you are not yet on our Friends of SSPC mailing list...please sent a request to bikinmark@aol, markemmetsalmon@gmail.com or office@southsalempc.org.
- Please send prayer requests so they may be included with the Prayer Team
- Joining communities across the country including Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Concorde New Hampshire and in Canada and England, we have began the practice of **ringing the church bells** each evening at 7 PM in tribute to the sacrifices being made each day by doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers, as well as first responders and essential workers like those in the food industry who work on the front lines every day to keep society functioning through the COVID-19 crisis. May God bless all of them.
- Those neighbors who live nearby and wish to participate can sign up to help by calling the church office at 914-763-9282 and leaving a message or emailing office@southsalempc.org.

### **Church Leaders**

Pastor: Mark E Salmon

Minister of Music: Mary Jane Newman

Children's Ministry Director: Donna Ferrara

Clerk of Session: Eliza Fraser Travalino (Class of 2025)

Class of 2024: Lisa Smith, James M. Dodge III

Class of 2025: Deb Buscema

Class of 2026: Richard Cochran, Samantha Zaffiro

To contact Session email Session@southsalempc.org. Board of

Deacons: Rebekah Habinowski, Donna Ferrara, Veronica Dodge,

Brendan Mulligan, Kelly Kim, Brooke Habinowski (Youth Deacon),

Anne Hill, Kaitie Watkins

To contact the Deacons email <u>Deacons@southsalempc.org</u>.

Nursery School Director: Pamela Leibman

THE HAMMER THAT CHANGED THE WORLD is a weekly radio program hosted by our minister, Mark, each Saturday night at 9 pm (Eastern) for 10 minutes. It is broadcast on the international radio station WRMI and can be heard on 9955 KHz shortwave, or on WRMI.net or even ASK ALEXA to turn on WRMI radio about a minute before 9 pm. Mark has also started another weekly radio program (only 5 minutes) on WRMI called YANKEE BASEBALL.

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## Prison Ministry

"I was in prison and you came to visit me ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:36, 40

The Bedford Hills Correctional Facility houses 850-900 women. The majority of the women incarcerated there are mothers, and most are poor. The financial crisis created by COVID-19 has hit the families of the incarcerated especially hard, further limiting their ability to pay for the transportation that would allow them to visit.

Greeting cards, which the inmates do not normally have access to, help them maintain bonds of love with their families. This has been shown to result in better outcomes for both the inmates and their children and families. Calendars are also greatly appreciated to help inmates count the days and add a note of cheer in their cells.



If you have **greeting cards** lying around, **forever stamps** or current **calendars** that you can part with, please leave them in the basket on the long table in the church lobby and we will make sure that they get to the inmates. Thank you.