



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Matthew 1: 18-25

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN 133

O Come, O Ye Faithful



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
Whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God:
Preaching good news to the poor
And release to the captives,
Teaching by word and deed
And blessing the children,
Healing the sick,
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
Suffering the depths of human pain
And giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
Vindicating his sinless life,
Breaking the power of sin and evil,
Delivering us from death to life eternal.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***FIRST READING** **Isaiah 9:2-7** Page 600 Old Testament

Keep these words in your heart.
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
(unison) Thanks be to God.

***SECOND READING** **Titus 3:4-7** Page 203 New Testament

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(unison) Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL READING** **Luke 2:1-20** Page 54 New Testament

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The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
(unison) Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL READING **Matthew 2:1-12** Page 1 New Testament

Keep these words in your heart.
The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
(unison) Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Why the Whispering?**

*HYMN 145

What Child Is This

THE OFFERING

A Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES
AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

DOXOLOGY

*HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

INTRODUCTION AND BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The outer rings of cups are grape juice, the inner rings are wine. You may request gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Edith M.G. Reed

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

As the hymn begins, deacons will light candles of congregants at the end of the aisle, please carefully pass the light to the person next to you.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Debbie Mulligan

❧ Upcoming Events ❧

SERMON NOTES: Today, the Church is in desperate need of recovering its confidence in the World of God. Special programs, popular music, and other things alone, as well-intentioned as they might be, are not the means by which God saves people. Christ builds His Church through the preaching of the Gospel, and so, we must make faithful preaching and teaching the Word of the Lord a clear priority at South Salem Presbyterian Church. Please use the back of the bulletin for making any sermon notes and consider joining Adult Sunday School at 9:15 to 9:45 prior to worship (starts September 15).

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: Chris Jessup, 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 Deacons@southsalempc.org.

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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Donated by Mark and Dee in honor of Marlana, Matias, Zayn, Alya and Theodore

Donated by SSPC family in loving memory of Lisa Smith

Donated in celebration of our awesome children in our SSPC Sunday School

Donated by Jeanne and Lee Allen in memory of members of the Allen, Kirsch and Tomita
Families

Donated by Judy and Vincent Castellucci

Donated by Maria Giumarra, in memory of my mother-in-law Grace; my parents,
Carmen and Felix; and my father-in-law, Frank

Donated by Rebekah Habinowski in memory of Elaine Gennett, my mother and nanny to
Jim and Brooke Habinowski

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Dorothy Mulry, and Maria Newman

Donated by Billye Zoe Steinnagel, in honor of my grandchildren and in memory of
Robert Steinnagel

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Salvatore Travalino

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