



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

February 23rd, 2025 Year B

This service is being live streamed and recorded. If you prefer not to be on camera, you may sit in the balcony (with the exception of communion). Thank you.

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

*THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37



*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***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

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15
Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

Be Merciful, Just as
Your Father is Merciful

Jesus Loves Me!

***HYMN 188**

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY 606

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN 187**

Savior, like a Shephard Lead Us

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Katie Watkins

BIOGRAPHY OF REVEREND HARKNESS

Rev. Martha Louise Harkness is the Pastoral Care Minister at Marymount Convent in Tarrytown, NY, where she cares for retired Sisters of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. She and her husband, the Rev. David Harkness, live in Ossining. They are the parents of three sons and have two grandsons.

❧ Upcoming Events ❧

Sunday, March 2nd

Special guest pastor Rev Martha Louise Harkness will preside.

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday - Stop in to receive ashes from 12:00-5:30pm and/or come for a short service at 6:00pm. Soup and bread “last supper” to be served immediately afterwards!

Sunday, March 9th

Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following service

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.

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 2025: Deb Buscema

Class of 2026: Richard Cochran, Samantha Zaffiro

Class of 2027: Rebekah Habinowski, Chris Jessup, James M. Dodge III

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Board of Deacons: , Donna Ferrara, Veronica Dodge, Brendan Mulligan, Kelly Kim, Brooke Habinowski, Anne Hill, Kaitie Watkins, Robyn Musicant

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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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