



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

*December 24, 2025 Year C
Christmas Eve Service*

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96



*HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***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

Matthew 1:18-24

SERMON

Christmas Eve

***HYMN 134**

Joy to the World

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 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Robyn Musicant

❧ Upcoming Events ❧

Tuesday, January 6th from 2:00-6:30pm Blood Drive hosted in fellowship room

SERMON NOTES:

The Bible tells us in John 1:12 "But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

It was John Rice who wrote: "You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Savior's face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift."

I thank the congregation for your Christmas gift and support this past year and look forward to more times of worship together. This year we will add on February 15 a service I have often led in my other congregations: THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN.

Dee and I head to Guatemala (my 31st trip) on January 5 where we will be involved with friends and mission and will distribute many SSPC shirts.

Merry Christmas from Mark and Dee Salmon

Church Leaders

Pastor: Mark E Salmon

Minister of Music: Mary Jane Newman

Children's Ministry Director: Samantha Zaffiro

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 (Sam) M. Dodge III

To contact Session email Session@southsalempc.org.

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

To contact the Deacons email Deacons@southsalempc.org.

Nursery School Interim Director: Katie Watkins

Mark's weekly radio program has come to an end after about 40 years or so (**THE HAMMER THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**) but the weekly **YANKEE BASEBALL** program remains.

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Christmas Flowers

Donated by the Giumarra Family in memory of Carmen & Felix Fernandez.

Donated by the Giumarra Family in memory of Frank Giumarra and in honor of Grace Giumarra.

Donated by Mark and Dee Salmon to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Zayn, Alya and Dobby (fur baby).

Donated by Carolyn and Bill Patterson in memory of all those who have made our Christmases sweet over the years and in gratitude for the birth that led to this celebration in the first place.

Donated by Judy and Vincent Castelucci in honor of Kathleen & Richard Reynolds, Fred & Mae Reynolds, Elsie & Benjamin Pearson, and Vincent Jo Castelucci.

Donated by the Travalino Family in Honor of Dean S. Travalino, Donald W. Fraser, and Ruther B. Fraser.

Donated by the Watkins Family in Honor of the newest member of our family, Mac Marie Ginty.

Donated by the Mulligan Family in memory of Chip Andrus.

Donated by Barabara Quentin and Family in memory of Bob Quentin.