



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

*December 21, 2025 Year C
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OPENING WORDS

*THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19



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*HYMN 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

***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

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

The Birth

***HYMN 121**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 119**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Rebekah Habinoswki

❧ Upcoming Events ❧

Sunday, December 21st Annual deacons cookie walk immediately following service.

Special concert featuring Mary Jane and Anthony Newman, and David Glukh

Wednesday, December 24th at 4 PM Christmas Eve candle service

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

SERMON NOTES:

Over 500 years ago Meister Eckhart (a German mystic and a member of the Dominican order of monks) asked, "What good is it to me if Mary gave birth to the Son of God 1400 years ago and I do not also give birth to the Son of God in my time and culture?"

Great question., Lets look into that!

Church Leaders

Pastor: Mark E Salmon

Minister of Music: Mary Jane Newman

Children's Ministry Director: Samantha Zaffirro

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.