



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

*December 7, 2025 Year C
Second 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 72:1-7, 18-19



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***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 1:46-55

SERMON

Stay Focused

***HYMN 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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 93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Susan Kang

❧ Upcoming Events ❧

Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm Service for George Van Marter

Sunday, December 14th at 4pm Live nativity night on the church lawn

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

SERMON NOTES:

Many of us work so hard merely to see the trees, the lights, the toys and other presents, the decorations---all the symbols of holiday festivity. We see the parade, but miss the true meaning behind these festival signs. Only to the degree that we focus on Jesus and what His coming into the world means can we really celebrate the greatest show on earth.

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 Zaffirro

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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