



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

January 4, 2026 Year A

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 29



*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

***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
SERMON

Nehemiah 2:1-6, 11-18
First The City

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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 610**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Katie Watkins

❧ Upcoming Events ❧

Sunday, January 4th Presentation to Alzheimer's Association of Hudson Valley during service, Christmas clean up after service

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

Sunday, January 11th Katie Watkins guest preaching

Sunday January 18th Brian Evelich guest preaching

SERMON NOTES:

The Bible is our infallible guide, our source of truth, our standard of direction, take it to your heart and take it to your pulpit. This is the charge to every minister and teacher in the Christian church. The Bible is nothing less than the Word of God to our world, to our church, to your life and to mine. Let's cast our vision in 2026 from these very pages as the Holy Spirit gives us meaning.

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

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

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