



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church* Est. 1752

September 6, 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 149



*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

***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

John 15:12-17
The Most Beautiful
Words of Jesus

***HYMN 727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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 542**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Katie Watkins

SERMON PROMO:

What do you think they are?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READY TO JOIN SOUTH SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Please see Mark (or any Officer) for more information. The goal will be to have some join on World Communion Sunday on October 4. South Salem would welcome you with the arms of Jesus Christ into this congregation.

ITEM OF THE MONTH: Liquid hand soap and Dawn dish detergent

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP IN JANUARY OF 2027

Dee and I will be in Guatemala from January 5 to 28. There have been some who have already made an interest to join us for 5 to 7 days while we are there to meet some of the children that are sponsored by some members of SSPC....take an hour or two of Spanish lessons for a couple of days and to explore this UNESCO protected town of Antigua, Guatemala.

IF YOU have that interest then a meeting after worship is planned on SEPTEMBER 13 learn more and to plan arrangements, etc. I would suggest that a group of you fly together. While Dee and I already have our usual hotel room but hotels can fill up in January.

GUATEMALA IN JANUARY? I forgot to mention that the daily high temp is sunny and mid 70s.

Please plan on this meeting if you have interest.

Shalom-Mark

SAVE THE DATES- SSPC EVENTS*

- ❖ **Sunday, 9/20/26** – Welcome Back Fried Chicken Picnic
- ❖ **Saturday, 11/7/26** – Chili Cook-Off
- ❖ **Saturday, 11/14/26** – Senior Craft Fair
- ❖ **Sunday, 12/20/26** - SSPC Cookie walk
- ❖ **Saturday, 1/30/27** – Lord of the Wings
- ❖ **Date TBD, March 2027** – Champagne Fundraiser with our own Greg Kim, Sommelier
- ❖ **Date TBD, April 2027** – Whiskey Fundraiser with Whiskey Influencer Tim Fisher
- ❖ **Monday, 5/31/27** - Memorial Day Races we will have SSPC 275th anniversary on the t-shirts
- ❖ **Saturday, 9/25/27** – SSPC 275th Anniversary Community Event with food trucks and more

***Details are subject to change.**

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 2026: Richard Cochran, Samantha Zaffiro

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

Class of 2028: Deb Buscema

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Board of Deacons: Brendan Mulligan, Kelly Kim, Brooke Habinowski, Anne Hill,

Katie Watkins, Robyn Musicant, Alison Green, Althea Green

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