



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church* Est. 1752

September 27, 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 78:1-4, 12-16



*HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***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

***HYMN 834**

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 306**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Anne Hill

SERMON PROMO:

The ultimate question really becomes who each of us say that Jesus is?

Matthew 16:13-23

Who Do Men Say That I Am?

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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.

SAVE THE DATES- SSPC EVENTS*

- ❖ **Saturday, 11/7/26** – Chili Cook-Off
- ❖ **Saturday, 11/14/26** – Senior Craft Fair
- ❖ **Sunday, 11/15/26** - Stewardship Sunday
- ❖ **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

HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR INCARCERATED NEIGHBORS

As you likely know, we have two large women's prisons in our neighborhood. The Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and the Taconic Correctional Facility house 850 women between them! And many of these women have no family, are estranged from their families, or come from impoverished families. As a result, many of them receive no holiday gifts. You can imagine how painful this must be.

To address this, the Interfaith Prison Partnership* mounts a major effort every year to give each woman a care package. They work with area churches and other organizations to fund and assemble these kits. If they don't have enough for each woman, none will receive one, and, for many women, this is the only gift they receive all year. For this reason, SSPC has committed to fund and prepare 30 of these packages.

In keeping with our Stewardship theme of Community, we will need our community to put the gift items and cards made by our Sunday School participants into the 30 bags. Stay tuned for a final decision on the date, either Nov. 1st or 8th, during Coffee Hour.

***Hebrews 13:3** says: "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." So, during the December holidays, this is a small way in which we can help these women feel seen and cared for.*

* <https://www.interfaithprisonpartnership.org/>

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 Zaffirro

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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Nursery School Director: Katie Watkins