



*South Salem
Presbyterian Church Est. 1752*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22nd, 2024 Year B*

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 80 1-7, 17-19



*HYMN 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-5, 16

SERMON

The Cradle

***HYMN 157**

I Danced in the Morning

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 159**

Oh Lord My God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgist is Susan Kang

🎵 Upcoming Events 🎵

Sunday, December 22nd

Choir rehearsal at 9:30am, before the service

Tuesday, December 24th

Choir rehearsal at 3:30pm, before the service

Christmas Eve service at 4:00pm

The choir will be singing the service of Christmas Eve this year as in many years past. We will rehearse for 20-30 minutes this Sunday, the 15th, and next Sunday the 22nd after services.

We will be leading the carols, joining the congregation. We will also sing our traditional Christmas anthem, the "Christmas Lullaby". Don't worry, I'll have copies of the music for everyone.

There is a YouTube version if that would help you. "Christmas Lullaby", John Rutter.

SERMON NOTES: Today, the Church is in desperate need of recovering its confidence in the World of God. Special programs, popular music, and other things alone, as well-intentioned as they might be, are not the means by which God saves people. Christ builds His Church through the preaching of the Gospel, and so, we must make faithful preaching and teaching the Word of the Lord a clear priority at South Salem Presbyterian Church. Please use the back of the bulletin for making any sermon notes and consider joining Adult Sunday School at 9:15 to 9:45 prior to worship (starts September 15).

Church Leaders

Pastor: Mark E Salmon

Minister of Music: Mary Jane Newman

Children's Ministry Director: Donna Ferrara

Clerk of Session: Eliza Fraser Travalino (Class of 2025)

Class of 2024: Chris Jessup, James M. Dodge III

Class of 2025: Deb Buscema

Class of 2026: Richard Cochran, Samantha Zaffiro

To contact Session email Session@southsalempc.org. Board of Deacons: Rebekah Habinowski, Donna Ferrara, Veronica Dodge, Brendan Mulligan, Kelly Kim, Brooke Habinowski (Youth Deacon), Anne Hill, Kaitie Watkins

To contact the Deacons email Deacons@southsalempc.org.

Nursery School Director: Pamela Leibman

THE HAMMER THAT CHANGED THE WORLD is a weekly radio program hosted by our minister, Mark, each Saturday night at 9 pm (Eastern) for 10 minutes. It is broadcast on the international radio station WRMI and can be heard on 9955 KHz shortwave, or on WRMI.net or even ASK ALEXA to turn on WRMI radio about a minute before 9 pm. Mark has also started another weekly radio program (only 5 minutes) on WRMI called YANKEE BASEBALL.

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Christmas Flowers

Donated by Mark and Dee in honor of Marlana, Matias, Zayn, Alya and Theodore

Donated by SSPC family in loving memory of Lisa Smith

Donated in celebration of our awesome children in our SSPC Sunday School

Donated by Jeanne and Lee Allen in memory of members of the Allen, Kirsch and Tomita Families

Donated by Judy and Vincent Castellucci

Donated by Maria Giumarra, in memory of my mother-in-law Grace; my parents, Carmen and Felix; and my father-in-law, Frank

Donated by Rebekah Habinowski in memory of Elaine Gennett, my mother and nanny to Jim and Brooke Habinowski

Donated by the Newman Family

Donated by Billye Zoe Steinnagel, in honor of my grandchildren and in memory of Robert Steinnagel

Donated by Travalino family in memory of Donald W. Fraser, Ruth B. Fraser and Dean Salvatore Travalino

Donated by Samantha Zaffiro in memory of Mary DeLaurentis her grandmother