

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Salem Singers	Rejoice, Rejoice, the Savior Comes	J. Montgomery
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> (vs.1-3)	#238
Advent Candle Lighting	Wayne Langhuber	
Hymn	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	#204
Children's Message		
Hymn	<i>Away in a Manger</i> (vs 1)	#217
Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer		
Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (vs 4)	#230
Advent Poem	Andy Tompos	
Impact of Your Generosity		
Offering Prayer		
*Doxology	#95	
*Hymn	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	#251
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-20	Denny Enck
Salem Singers	<i>The Child Who Is Born to be a King</i>	Besig & N. Price
	Featuring Sally Busby on Flute	
Message	A Message from Heaven	Pastor John
*Hymn	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	#220
Blessing		
Postlude		
<i>*Please stand if you are able.</i>		

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Martha Garlin	Gerri Messman
Jean Daniels	Jim Yohn
Brandy Rhodes	Matthew Swinehart
Randy Enck	Tonya Melchior
Marie & John	Terry Engle
Linda Hart	Pearl Ober

Welcome!

We hope our time together is a source of hope and peace.

Nursery Care is provided during worship for infants to age 4.

Friendship Pads are in the pews. Please take the time to fill them out and pass them down the row. The information you provide helps us with attendance and to follow up with guests.

Prayer Requests can be written on the cards located in the lobby. Place your request in the prayer quilt near the sanctuary entrance.

Sunday School at 10:15 am

Children (K-4th) – Room 204

Youth – Room 403 -- 5th grade through 12th grade

Wrestling with Grace – Room 406 – Adult class

Ages & Stages – Room 404 – Adult class

E-Giving Use the QR code to make a one-time gift or to set up recurring giving. Salem's e-giving provider is Nucleus Giving. If you desire to support a special offering, just note on the memo line the name of the mission or ministry.



Building Community One Question at a Time

A good conversation comes down to being a good listener. Listen carefully and ask follow-up questions: Try asking:

Do you take a lot of photos to capture the moment?

How do you feel when you look at them?

Let the other person ask you the same questions back and answer them joyfully. Have fun while getting to know others a little better.

An assisted listening system is available from a smartphone application to help people to hear the service better. Download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app and log in to the SalemGuest Wi-Fi – the password is MINISTRY. If you need assistance, please see the sound booth.

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is a fun, engaging, and spiritually enriching environment for children ages 5 through 4th grade. It takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The children are dismissed from worship following Pastor John's Children's Message. See Natalie Abram to help.

Year-End Giving Strategies

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are age 70 (or getting close), there are ways you can give to Salem that will strengthen the church's ministry and produce tax savings for you! Check out the handouts at the Welcome Center.

Jesus Christmas Party today – All Children Welcome!

Join us this morning from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Jesus' birthday. We will have crafts, music & snacks. Parents are welcome to attend or may return to pick your children at the conclusion.



Christmas Eve Service Tuesday Evening at 7pm

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 7pm and will feature special music, traditional carols, and candle lighting. Invite someone who needs to hear a message of hope and peace.



The Blessing Box sits on North Penn St and the food is available to anyone in need. The popular items listed below can be dropped off at the Welcome Center and will be added to the Blessing Box.

- Large cans of Beefaroni and Ravioli and Dinty Moore's Stew
- Large cans of tuna and chicken
- Cans of Hearty Soups and Spam
- Plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly
- Family size boxes of Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti (1 lb. box) and cans of spaghetti sauce

Nursery & Children's Chapel Volunteers Sought

We are looking for volunteers to serve during worship in the Nursery or with our Children's Chapel. You can make a difference in the life a child as they learn about faith, how to pray and hear Bible stories. Please speak with Natalie Abram, Director of Children's Ministry, to offer your time.

The Christmas Eve offering will be donated to Mt. Hope Nazarene



Retirement Community. Their mission is to serve the community and offer hope by providing affordable, quality care in a wholesome Christian environment based on Christ's model of care "for the least of these..." We are happy to help them to fulfill their mission.

This Week at Salem

Sunday, December 22

11:00 am Children's Christmas party

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas !!



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Going Deeper in "A Message from Heaven"

Read the following a few times:

Luke 2:8-20; Micah 5:2; John 10:11-15; Ps 23:1-6

Reflect on the following:

1. Why do you think God chose shepherds—ordinary, lowly individuals—to be the first to hear the news of Jesus' birth?
2. What does the phrase "good news of great joy for all people" mean to you personally?
3. How did the shepherds respond to the angels' message, and what can we learn from their immediate obedience?
4. Have you ever experienced a moment where God called you to act quickly and in faith, like the shepherds?
5. How does the multitude of angels praising God (verse 14) inspire our understanding of worship today?
6. What does "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace" teach us about the purpose of Jesus' coming?
7. The shepherds actively sought out Jesus (verse 16). How can we seek Jesus in our daily lives?
8. After seeing Jesus, the shepherds shared the good news (verse 17). What stops us from sharing our faith, and how can we overcome this?
9. How does Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, offer protection and guidance in your life? Can you think of specific moments when you felt His care?
10. Mary treasured and pondered all these things in her heart (verse 19). How do you practice reflection and meditation on God's work in your life?
11. How did the experience of encountering Jesus and witnessing the angels transform the shepherds (verse 20)?

Challenges:

1. Like the shepherds, share the "good news" of Jesus' love and peace with at least one person this week. This could be through a conversation, a text, or an act of kindness.
2. Spend time daily this week intentionally praising God, reflecting the angels' example. Include a focus on gratitude in your prayers or worship.

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