

Salem United Methodist Church

January 19, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Your Love, O Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP (quotes Psalm 36)

“Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains. O God, how precious is your steadfast love! For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.” We praise and worship you, O God, for your steadfast love for us and all of your creation.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Great and glorious God, we are thankful your faithfulness extends forever, and the power of your righteousness is mighty to transform the world. Shine your light into our confusion and struggle. Open us to receive your guidance and strength. Light our way as we turn to you with hearts longing for forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace. Help us to be blessed by the signs of your everlasting light. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC

“Open Our Eyes” #2086 TFWS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison): **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:1-11 (CEB)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

“Signs Lighting the Way”

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT (in unison):

Gracious God, thank you for your faithful love and unending mercy. We thank you for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the opportunity to follow in your light. Guide us along the way of Christ; light our path. May we experience signs of your presence in our daily lives. We offer our gifts and ourselves that your glory may shine in our world today. Amen.

*CLOSING MUSIC

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” #454

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face. The rain fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*POSTLUDE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Live stream notice: We are blessed to be able to live stream and record our 10:45 a.m. worship service. Anyone in the sanctuary during that time may appear on camera as part of the service and consents to filming. Our camera is directed at the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Stacey.

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church! Thank you for joining us today in worship.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Ellie Brown, Liturgist

Mark Carter, Tech Team Producer

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Katy Stevens, Director of Music

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message.

THIS WEEK (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 1/20 – No Aerobics class

Monday, 1/20 – Prepaid soup orders due

Monday, 1/20 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class/Youth Mission Project

Monday, 1/20 7:00 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study on Proverbs on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>)

Monday, 1/20 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Wednesday, 1/22 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Salem House)

Upcoming (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Sunday, 1/26 – Soup sale pickup (15 min. after each service; Kitchen)

Sunday, 1/26, Noon – UWF planning meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday, 1/28 7:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting (Salem Room)

United Women in Faith Planning Meeting: The UWF annual planning meeting for 2025 will be at noon on January 26th in the parlor. We will be joined by Terri Booth, President of the Suburban District UWF, who will be giving a brief talk on what the District is doing. Please join us!

Hats for NICU Babies: We are collecting crocheted/knitted baby hats to support NICU babies at local hospitals. If you have any questions, or have hats to donate, please contact Angela Spinner. Hats should be donated by April 1st.



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