

Salem Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Service & Communion
Sunday, December 24, 2019



Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles
 Pastor's Welcome

Rev. Thomas Emery

*Hymn **Joy to the World** 87

Invocation Loving and merciful God, on this Christmas Eve, as the light of Your Word penetrates our hearts, we are reminded of the gift of life and faith.

Prayer **As the glories of the heavenly hosts are echoed in our church, we open ourselves up to Your Spirit and give You thanks. We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that Your story has become our story, and we celebrate Your birth. Continue, we pray, to instill in us a profound sense of Your abiding presence, and help us to take to heart the wonder of Your love. May we walk in Your ways and delight in Your will. Help us to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people You would have us to be. In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Messiah we pray. Amen.**

1st Lesson Luke 1:26-35 Lighting of the Hope Purple Candle

2nd Lesson Luke 1:46-55 Lighting of the Peace Purple Candle

*Hymn **Angels We Have Heard on High** 89

3rd Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Lighting of the Joy Pink Candle

4th Lesson Luke 2:8-14 Lighting of the Love Purple Candle

5th Lesson Luke 2:15-20 Lighting of the Christ White Candle

*Hymn **Come All Ye Faithful** 100

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Meditation **“Determine to Unexpectedly Welcome Jesus”** Rev. Thomas Emery

Offertory *Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Special Music Madison and Evan Pugh

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-28 Rev. Thomas Emery

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer Rev. Thomas Emery

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Power and Might,

Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. “Our Father.....”

Communion of the People

Candlelight Singing **Silent Night! Holy Night!** Hand Bells & Organ

***Congregation begins to sing when organ plays. See back page of bulletin*

Benediction



Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild—
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia—
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent Night! Holy Night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace—
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Merry Christmas to all!



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