

Salem Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Carla Breese



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Candle of Peace

We Wait in Peace

*Hymn

What Child Is This?

94

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

522

Prayer of Confession: When our faith is rooted deeply in You, O God, **our lives reflect Your Kingdom values of justice and righteousness**, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, **that Your values take second place**. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, **the source of power and life**. Merciful God, **strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in You**. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in You. **We watch and wait for Your breaking into our world once more**, in the person of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of Pardon

Response

I Love You Lord 2X

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 11:1-10

627

Matthew 3:1-12

878

Romans 15:4-13

1035

Special Music

Heather McClure

Time for Children

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

100

Sermon

"Immanuel, God Is with Us"

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*Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

*Offertory: Prayer of Dedication

Response

Praise God

Inside Front Cover

*Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

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*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Three Fold Amen

Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.



Financial Update

Needed Weekly:	\$2,126.78	Needed to Date:	\$102,085.25
Rec'd 11-27-2022:	\$1,528.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$106,060.90

Sunday: 12-04-2022
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jayne Morris*)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 12-06-2022
 7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study in the church kitchen.

Thursday: 12-08-2022
 Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** at the Church on the Horizon
 at 634 N. Washington St., Van Wert.

Sunday: 12-11-2022 Christmas Program
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting
 5:30 PM Christmas Caroling (meet in parking lot)
 6:00 PM Manse Open House

Announcements:

The **Session Meeting** is today at 10:45 AM. The upcoming **Senior Luncheon** event is on Wednesday, December 7, at noon at the Lions Club. The **Christmas Program** is on December 11 along with caroling at 5:30 PM (meet in parking lot) and the manse party at 6 PM.

If you would like to **donate \$5 to decorate the church with poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd by December 4th (**today**).

Christmas Gravy Packets are being collected for the Salvation Army this year. Our goal this year is 500 packages, and the due date is **December 11th**.

The **Confirmation Class** will begin in January and finishing with Easter Sunday induction. We will also begin a **New Member Class** for those interested in joining Salem as adults.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the January newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

8 th Paige Thatcher	9 th Jason Lloyd	13 th Marilyn Stockton
17 th Jeremy Morris	17 th Jon Finn	

Upcoming Anniversaries:

16 th Kent & Heather McClure	28 th Doug & Mrielyn Strickler
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Isaiah 11:1-10

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Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)
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Jeff Coil (open heart surgery)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *There’s a wrong way and a right way to live.*

POINT TWO – *God Does Not Forget His Promises.*

POINT THREE – *We Need to Share What We Have with Others.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

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