



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

*Call to Worship (responsively):

One: Serve God with gladness! Come before God's presence with singing!

Many: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

One: Give thanks to God, and bless God's name!

Many: For the Holy One is good; God's steadfast love endures for ever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Chancel Choral Introit

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise; *As We Gather at Your Table* 332

*Prayer of Confession

Wise God, we often seek counsel from so many sources while ignoring your guidance. Help us to navigate the tough choices we must make and to discern the circumstances of our world and our lives through your perspective. Your way is life and embodies care, compassion, and concern for all creation. May we follow your model for the flourishing of our human siblings and our home, the Earth. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Children

The Church at Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 p. 905

Sermon: *Keeping Awake* Rev. Phil Hobson

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Doxology

*Doxology tune: 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison)

Discerning God, receive our offerings and gifts for your kindom. Let them be a blessing to those in need of encouragement, material goods, and evidence of your presence among us. Magnify them beyond our imagining and grant us insight into the possibilities before us for ministry and witness. We are grateful to give. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Hymn of Preparation: *I Come with Joy* 349

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Hymn: *Lamb of God* 803 (back of the hymnal)

Call to the Supper

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (all together):

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* 76

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response

Postlude

An asterisk (*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.
Hearing-assistance devices are available in the entrance near the canopy
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymns are available.

Library Flex Space During Worship

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary and Sunday morning worship is intended to be a family experience. However, we appreciate that some parents might need support during worship with wiggly little ones. Therefore, we have created a relaxed space in the first-floor library for use during worship. This space is outfitted with toys, crayons/paper, books, puzzles, and more. The worship service is live streamed in the library so you will not miss any part of the service. This space is open to anyone who finds they would be more comfortable using this alternate room.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today	Potluck and Annual Meeting following worship 6:30-7:45PM – Youth Gathering
Monday, Nov 13	Eve - Boy Scouts
Tuesday, November 14	5:30-6:30PM - Cub Scouts 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council
Wednesday, Nov 15	6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Hanbells 6:45PM - Chancel
Thursday, November 16	6:30PM - Men's Fellowship
Friday, November 17	Nov. 17-19 - MS Youth Knock-Knock Retreat
Sunday, November 19	9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting

Potluck and Congregational Meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 12. Please bring a dish to pass.

Women's Guild Bazaar

Mark your calendars! The women's Guild Christmas Bazaar and Raffle will be held on December 2nd 2023 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. We will be serving the meal of Barbecue sandwiches, salads and pies for \$8 per person. Our big prize will be a beautiful quilt made by the Salem quilters. Please have donated prizes for the raffle to Cindy Remus by November 30th. Raffle tickets will go on sale soon.

SCRIP Gift Cards

Support the Women's Guild and do some Christmas shopping at the same time! Purchase gift cards (SCRIP) for your favorite businesses and a percentage of the purchase price will support ministries at Salem UCC. You can purchase cards to donate as a prize for the raffle at the Women's Guild Bazaar or you can purchase cards to use for your own shopping or to give as gifts. Kelli Malueg will be available after worship to sell SCRIP and answer questions you may have. Don't see something you want in stock? Place an order with Kelli and it should be ready to pick up the following Sunday! Questions? Talk with Kelli or with Lisa Hart.

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