



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 19, 2023

Totenfest

Prelude

*Call to Worship (responsively):

One: Christ is with us.

Many: Christ is in our midst.

One: Let us pray.

All: O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Hear the confessions of our mouths and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant us the maturity to accept your many gifts in humility and to use them with faithfulness. Grant to us your spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy, ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise: *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

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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.

Bell Choir Anthem:

For All the Saints

[arr. Jason W. Krug]

From the Psalms: Psalm 13 p. 848

From the Apocalyptic: Revelation 21:1-7 p.1134

Sermon: *The Urgency of Lament* 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):

Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of our world of neighbors. Amen.

Totenfest - Service of Commemoration

Words of Remembrance

Reading the Names and Tolling the Bell

Ronald "Ron" Pauley

Harvey Zingg

Bernice Hamilton

Rhoda Gust

Anna Pauley

Sue Thiede

Invitation to Light Candles

Prayer of Remembrance and Love

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Many: Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *For All the Saints* 299

Benediction

Bell Choir Response: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
[arr. Jason W. Krug]

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.

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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	1PM - MS Youth return from retreat
Monday, Nov 20	Eve - Boy Scouts
Tuesday, November 21	5:30-6:30PM - Cub Scouts
Wednesday, November 22	No Choirs
Thursday, November 23	Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday, November 25	Council decorates for Advent/Christmas
Sunday, November 26	9AM - Advent Workshop for all ages 10:15AM - Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 are available now.

A reminder that the Guild asks for donations of pies for the luncheon and goodies for the bake sale (cookies, breads, candy, etc) for all those who are able. You can bring your donations to the church on Friday morning, December 1st, between 9 and 11 or the morning of the Bazaar. We sincerely appreciate all the help given to make this fundraiser a success.

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.

Intergenerational Advent Workshop

The BoCE is hosting their annual workshop on Sunday 11/26 @ 9am. Join us in the lower-level Sunday school area to make luminaries for our Dec. 9 Illuminated Advent Path. All ages welcome!

Illuminated Advent Path

The BoCE is sponsoring an Illuminated Advent Path at Salem Dec. 9 @ 4:30-6:30pm. The path will feature 5 stations representing the different candles in the Advent wreath: Peace, Hope, Love, Joy, and Christ. The theme for the event is light and every station will have its own Christmas lights display with coordinating activities and reflections. A campfire in the firepit and a hot cocoa station will complete the outdoor activities. Soup and cookies will be available inside along with some children's activities, programming for those unable to walk the illuminated path, and the Bell Choir will be adding some festive music.

Volunteers needed to make this event a success. Please review the list below to see how you can participate:



- Small groups to adopt and host one of the stations. Grab some friends to have fun with this event or maybe your small Salem fellowship or ministry group would like to help. We still need two more groups to participate.
- Food donations, kitchen help, and cocoa station help are needed. Please contact [Kelli Malueg](#).
- Campfire attendants contact Sarah Pundt
- Event Greeters contact Sarah Pundt
- Marketing to invite our Salem neighbors.

Please contact [Sarah Pundt](#) for more information or to volunteer.

New! Salem Gear

Salem Youth would like to help you update your wardrobe with new Salem Gear. We are offering newly designed Salem T-shirts, hoodies, and half-zips in a variety of colors at reasonable prices. Order forms are in Fellowship Hall or contact [Julie Adams](#) for an electronic order form. These items also make great Christmas gifts!

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