

November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent  
The Candle of Hope

*Today's Worship Leaders:*

Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

*We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**            *“Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel”*

**\* Call to Worship**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us:

**to bind up the broken-hearted,**

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

**to release the prisoners,**

to comfort all who mourn,

**to repair the ruined cities.**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Build for God a highway in the wilderness.**

**\* Invocation**

**\* Opening Hymn**            *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

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**\* Confession**

Almighty God, we confess we have sinned against you, against our neighbors, and against our enemies. We have acted as if your reign were not coming, as if our lives depended only on us and our plans. We have not loved you. We have harmed and disrespected those whom you love. Have mercy. Forgive us. Disrupt us. Set us on right paths, whatever it takes. Amen.

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 21:25-36

**Cradle Roll Presentation**

Avery Russell Field

**Time with the Children**

*The Candle of Hope*

**Special Music**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Chris Uhe

**Prophecy Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Sermon**

*“A Message from the Grave”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God**

*At this time, you may give online, in the offering box in the Narthex, or by mailing your offerings to the church office.*

**Invitation & Offertory**

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

Chris Uhe

**\* Closing Hymn**

*“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”*

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**\* The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Life Together**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

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\* Indicates where you may stand, if able; **bold print** indicates where the congregation reads.

Sermon take home sheets are located on the table in the Narthex.

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Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26, KJV.

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**Large print song sheets are available upon request. Please see an usher.**

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**TODAY’S MINISTRY**

Hospitality Team: Ken Suhre, Bill & Carol Reckman, Donna Merkle, Ronna Renken

Liturgist: Rita Pfingsten

## ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	Nov. 28	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School Sunday School Worship Exhale
Monday	Nov. 22	10:00 a.m.	Office Closed Reflections
Wednesday	Dec. 1	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Office Closed High School Hangout Chimes Practice Ringers Practice Confirmation Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Dec. 2	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Office Open
Sunday	Dec. 5	7:00 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting Adult Sunday School Sunday School Worship with Communion Exhale

### **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Next Sunday we will be collecting food for Salem's local food pantries (Bread of Life Food Pantry in Hamel and Highland Food Pantry) to help those in need. The grocery cart collection container will be in the Narthex under the stairway.

### **HITZ HOME AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS TASTING BEE**

Everyone is invited to Hitz Home Auxiliary Christmas Tasting Bee, Friday, December 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hitz Activity & Dining Room. Bring your favorite Christmas appetizer, dish or dessert. (A variety of meats will be provided). Silent auction, Christmas raffle, and entertainment.

### **OPEN HOUSE FOR PASTOR JOHN**

After nearly 35 years, Pastor John Mindrup is retiring from the Village of Alhambra. Please stop by the Village Hall on Sunday, December 5, 2021 between 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to wish him well. All are welcome!

### **EXHALE GIFT WRAPPING**

Need help wrapping gifts? Exhale can help! We will be wrapping presents for any congregation members who need or want help on December 12. Simply label who the presents are to and from and drop them off at Salem before 6:00 p.m. on December 12. You may bring your own wrapping paper or let Exhale decide the paper. If you are interested or have any questions, please call, text, or email Becca. [rjbraundmeier@gmail.com](mailto:rjbraundmeier@gmail.com) or 618-520-0185.

**\*\* Note : Pastor John Mindrup is on sabbatical from November 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022.**

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# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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*Let all mortal flesh keep silent.*

Liturgy of St. James  
Tr. by Gerard Moultrie

— Habakkuk 2:20

PICARDY  
French Carol

*Unison*

1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and trem-bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on earth He stood,  
3 At His feet the six-winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim with watch-ful eye,

1 Pon-der noth-ing world - ly mind - ed, For with bless-ing in His hand  
2 Lord of lords in hu - man na - ture, In the bod-y and the blood,  
3 Veil their fac - es to His Pres - ence, As with cease-less voice they cry,

1 Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom-age to de - mand.  
2 He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav-en-ly food.  
3 "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"

*He came unto His own and His own received Him not.*

MARGARET

Emily F. S. Elliott

— John 1:11

Timothy R. Matthews

1 Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown When Thou  
 2 *Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -*  
 3 The fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest In the  
 4 *Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word That should*  
 5 When the heavens shall ring and the an - gels sing At Thy

1 cam - est to earth for me, But in Beth - le - hem's home there was  
 2 *claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree, But in low - ly birth didst Thou*  
 3 shade of the for - est tree, But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou  
 4 *set Thy peo - ple free, But with mock - ing scorn and with*  
 5 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,

1 found no room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty. O come to my  
 2 *come to earth And in great hu - mil - i - ty. O come to my*  
 3 Son of God, In the des - erts of Gal - i - lee. O come to my  
 4 *crown of thorn They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry. O come to my*  
 5 "Yet there is room, There is room at my side for thee." And my heart shall re -

1 heart, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee!  
 2 *heart, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee!*  
 3 heart, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee!  
 4 *heart, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee!*  
 5 joice, Lord Je - sus, When Thou com - est and call - est me. A - men.