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.
Prelude

“Over in Bethlehem” Doris Driscoll

* Call to Worship
Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

   Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

   All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

Come, let us joyfully praise God!

   Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness.

* Invocation

* Opening Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” 178

* Confession
Lord, it’s just a day after the Christmas celebration, and we are exhausted.
People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being
reminded of the “normalcy” of life returning to us. We don’t want to go there
just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we
don’t seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we
assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter, and seem to dwell in the
mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light,
those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times.
Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. 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.

History Reading I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Time with the Children

Special Music “I Am the Light of the World” Praise Team

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52

Sermon “The Adventures of Young Jesus”

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

* Closing Song  “Joy to the World”

* The Lord’s Prayer

Our Life Together

* Benediction

* Postlude

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Sermon take home sheets are located on the table in the Narthex.
Invocation: Revised Common Lectionary Prayer, © 2002; Consultation on Common Texts, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26, KJV.

At Salem UCC our worship services are broadcast via Livestream. If you have concerns regarding your image or your family’s image being broadcast, please consider sitting in the balcony or the rear of the nave.

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

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

TODAY’S MINISTRY
Hospitality Team: Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt, Donna Yates, Steve Stille, Rita Pfingsten
Liturgist: Donna Yates

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~ SALEM’S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday Dec. 26  
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday Dec. 20  
1:00 p.m. Messenger Assembly

Sunday Jan. 2  
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS
There won’t be Reflections on Monday, December 27 or Monday, January 3, 2022. Reflections will resume at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022.

2022 CALENDARS
Complimentary 2022 calendars from Dauderman Mortuary are available on the table in the Narthex or on the table outside the office entrance.

OFFICE HOURS
The office will be closed the week of December 27, 2021 and will open again at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022.

UNHANGING OF THE GREENS
Evangelism/Worship Committee is inviting everyone to help “unhang the greens” on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

SAUSAGE SUPPER MEETING
Sausage supper planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORTS/ANNUAL MEETING
The 162nd Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2022, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Deadline for Annual Meeting reports is Monday, January 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Annual Reports will be available following worship on Sunday, January 30.
O Little Town of Bethlehem

But thou, Bethlehem, out of thee shall come He forth... a ruler in Israel. — Micah 5:2

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;

1. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
2. While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
3. So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
4. Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.

1. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light:
2. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
3. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;

1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
3. Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.
4. O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.
"Joy to the World"

To Bethlehem was born a baby; The wonder He would bring;
The shepherds quake as the angels sang,
"Come adore the newborn King;
Come adore the newborn King."

[Chorus] Singing Joy to the world, all the boys and girls now;
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea, joy to you and me.

Now Mary pondered in her heart, the promise now fulfilled;
The child of God in her arms, come to save the whole wide world;
Yeah, You come to save the whole wide world. [Chorus]

The wisemen came to see Him, Heavenly King at birth;
To worship and adore they bring frankincense and myrrh;
Frankincense and myrrh. [Chorus]

Now go and spread the good news of Christ our Savior King;
And shout it from the mountain top, and with the angels sing;
With the angels sing. [Chorus]

Joy to the world; all the boys and girls;
Joy to the world; Joy to you and me;
Joy to the world, all the boys and girls now;
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea, joy to you and me.
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea, joy to you and me.
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