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Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am • Children's Church 10:30 am



lift up your voice
SINGING THROUGH LENT AND EASTER

A Lenten Prayer Service & Singing

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 pm
Devotional Singing Through Lent

A time for singing and praying hymns and songs of our faith

The Praying Ministry Team is pleased to share the spiritual practice of singing through Lent and Easter. The devotional includes a simple candlelight service for each week, including songs and activities.

Printed devotional booklets are available at the church. If you would like the digital version (including links for songs), please contact the church office.

This resource reminds us: “The writer of the Psalms—that songbook in the middle of the Bible—has it right: we’re called to ‘make a joyful noise,’ not a perfect pitch (Psalm 100:1).” Explore songs from a variety of styles and repertoires from across Christian history and add your own favorites!

The February 25th service will correspond with this devotional—connecting us in song, Spirit, and community.



CWF LOVE Award

Christian Women's Fellowship honored this year's recipient, **Joan Loyd**, in both services on Sunday, February 16. Joan has contributed so much time and service to our church over the last 18 years! She has participated in all levels of CWF, taking on leadership roles in the rummage and book sales, group study leader, Sunday School teacher, Deacon, and is currently serving as Elder. She is here many days of the week, cleaning, organizing and keeping the church running properly. Please make sure to congratulate her the next time you see her!



... where love leads community

Pastor's Message from Co-Senior Minister, Michelle Harris-Gloyer

Lent is a season that begins on Ash Wednesday and moves us up to, and through, Holy Week and Easter. Many people will choose to give something up (like a certain kind of food) or take something on (like a new spiritual practice) during this season. The intention is to pay closer attention and to draw closer to God.



You may have selected a "Star Word" in worship on Epiphany Sunday (January 4)—a word that God might use this year to get your attention. (If you did not receive a star word and would like one, please contact me! I can prayerfully draw one for you and send it to you, or we can arrange a time for you to select it with your own fingers.) Lent may be a perfect time to dive in deeper with your word. Journal about it. Ask questions of your word. Ask God questions. Listen. Talk with a trusted companion about it. Look for signs.



~ Pastor Michelle

As Rev. Kaji Douša writes in this following devotional, let us look for signs of life—

All your anxiety, cast on God, because God cares for you all. Be sober, keep alert. - 1 Peter 5:7 (as translated by Wilda C. Gafney)

Once upon a time, I developed an abiding fear. A fear about losing what I had. And a fear for the next time I would lose even more.

All of a sudden, mine was not a story of strength or winning. Falling short of humbling myself, life humbled me. And I didn't want any part of that ever happening again. The anticipation of this fall

could stop my heart for a spell. Take my breath away.

The text says, "Cast" your anxiety on God. What does that mean? How, even?

The word "cast" I know is from fishing. Heading out to the pier with one of my grandfathers, where one of the fishermen would cast a line on the waters of the deep.

Casting anxiety on God means throwing it away. Into a place you cannot see. Hoping something will catch.

I went fishing this summer. Out on the Atlantic. Not from a pier, but a little boat. My role wasn't to reel in the fish. But I could look for the signs of life. My fishing part was to see where others saw life. So if a bunch of gulls hovered around a spot, then we drove over to that very place because there was

energy there. Life there.

I learned something fishing. To cast your line where there's life means you have to see it. "Keep alert," the text says. And I cannot emphasize this enough. When we are in a rut, or get used to our own surroundings, or just feel like...ugh. That's exactly when we have to get diligent.

Look for the signs of life. The gulls hovering on the water, showing you another place to put your focus, taking you away from a lifeless course. Cast your line there. Because God has something in store for you.

Prayer

God, I thank you for the ways you care for me. Help me recognize the signs of the life you intend.

~ Rev. Kaji Douša



February 19 - March 4

- Terrance JullFebruary 19
- Matt Harris-Gloyer.....February 19
- Ruth SchnelleFebruary 20
- Rochelle Rafn.....February 20
- Lynia JonesFebruary 22
- Julian BledsoeFebruary 24
- Michael PierceFebruary 24
- Bambi RuxFebruary 25
- Ken VanceFebruary 25
- Anita EvansFebruary 26
- Joyce RichterFebruary 28
- Ferol WeyandFebruary 28

Prayers For

- Penny Blackwell, healing from knee replacement surgery
- Leslie Carlisle, pancreatic cancer
- Margaret Cleveland, healing from surgery on broken ribs
- Susan Crom, pancreatic cancer

Worship Attendance

February 8	in-person	online
8:30.....	19	
10:30.....	99	162
February 5	in-person	online
8:30.....	22	
10:30.....	97	135



Co-Ed Baby Shower for Jesse Manzo

Come shower love and support for Jesse and Marie's Baby Girl!

Sunday, March 15 at 1:00 pm

Light sandwich lunch

Salem First Christian Church Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

Jesse grew up in this church.

His precious Mom, Beth, is at Sweet Bye & Bye Alzheimer's unit, and his Dad, Jimmy, passed away in 2024.

At Jesse's baby dedication, we agreed to love and support him always.

Gift Registries:

[My Baby List](#) and [Amazon](#)

Here's your opportunity church!



Part-Time Sound Technician Opportunity

Due to the departure of one of our valued Sound Technicians, we are currently seeking a dependable and detail-oriented individual to join our team in a part-time capacity. This role is ideal for someone with an interest in live sound, worship services, or audio technology who enjoys working behind the scenes to support meaningful events.

If you are interested in this opportunity — or know someone who may be a great fit — please reach out to Doug Johnson, Chair of Personnel, or Pastor Matthew Harris-Gloyer for more information.



Gratitude from RK Foundation

This is to thank everybody who contributed to the Resource center of the children in Kenya. The items arrived as you can see in these pictures. I will continue to update you on the progress and show you when the books and stationery are on the shelves. May you continue to be blessed.

Thank you, Nduta Nyoro-Cayton



Tackle Hunger Challenge - Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you everyone for all the food that has been brought in for this food drive. It is a great success! We collected over 750 items that Marion-Polk Food Share will pick up this week.

Thank You VOLUNTEERS!

Valentine's Day Lunch at Union Gospel Mission

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our first Union Gospel Mission Valentine's Day lunch a success. We shared God's LOVE with 100 guests!

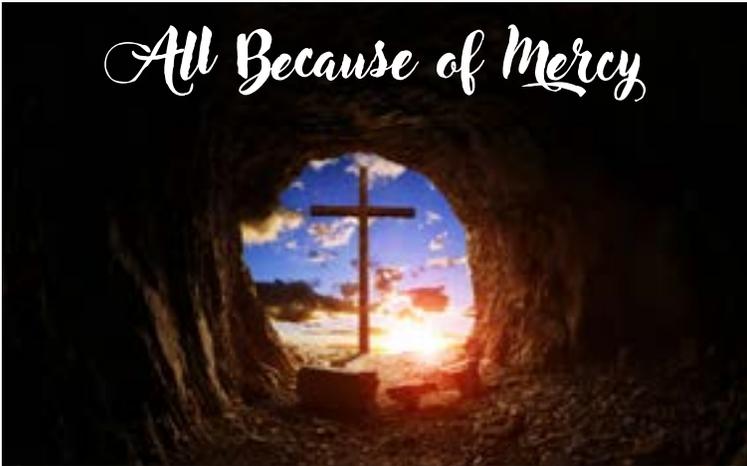
We used donations given by our congregation to serve an EXTRA meal at the Mission this year. You are truly generous and loving people of God! Thank you for your generosity.

Shout-outs to our volunteers for cooking and serving: Rick Ikeda, Pat Force, Mindy Force, Bob Olson, Faith Janney, Betty Charnholm, Teri Garland, and Dena & Dennis Turner.

Your Serving Ministry Team



All Because of Mercy



Salem FCC Women's Spring Retreat

Saturday, March 7 • 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Salem FCC Fellowship Hall

Soup & Bread Luncheon

Guest Speaker is Pastor April Oristano

Registration begins February 15

\$10 (pay at the door)

Check for HOAP

As a part of our recent Advent Giving Trees, in addition to the presents under the trees, we received some monetary gifts from the congregation. A check for a portion of this was delivered to HOAP, Homeless Outreach Advocacy Program, on behalf of our church by Joan Lloyd.



Save the Date! 2026 Regional Assembly

May 15 and 16 • Red Rock Christian Church

Boise, Idaho

Theme: United In Covenant

Speaker: Dr Stephen V. Sprinkle

Dr. Stephen V. Sprinkle is Emeritus Professor of Practical Theology, Brite Divinity School, and Theologian-in-Residence of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas, Texas.



Week of Compassion is the Denomination's fund for disaster relief where we can partner with and help those in need around the world. By combining funds from many congregations our impact around the world is far greater than the sum of the numbers.

The theme for Week of Compassion's 2026 special day offering comes from Mark 2, verses 1-5, with a focus on that when traditional paths are blocked, they will find a way to help.

This year's special day offerings for Week of Compassion are February 15 and 22. We will focus on it during both worship services on the 22nd.

Thank you, all!

*Rick Ikeda, Chair of Serving Ministry Committee
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Snack Bag Volunteers recognized at Sunday Worship

Snack Bag Ministries

The Snack Bag Ministry is out of heavy plastic bags. We had so many these last two years we thought we would never run out. But we have!! Winco still uses them and this is a great way to reuse them. Do you have any to share? If so, you can leave them on the Chalice Entrance bench and we will pick them up.

Thank you always,

Marilyn & Steve Fine, Snack Bag Ministry



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The Church Scroll Schedule Change

Beginning March 5, 2026, The Church Scroll will be published monthly rather than bi-weekly. You will continue to receive your issue as requested, via mail or email, at the end of the first full week of each month. We hope to have contributions from each ministry represented each month and a calendar of events for you to plan accordingly.

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