

Salem Methodist Church  
*Order of Worship*  
Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday of Joy  
Sunday, December 14, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. M. McDonald  
Welcome / Announcements / Birthday Song Andrew Hager  
Opening Prayer Pastor Neill  
Chiming of “The Trinity” (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost)  
Call to Worship: *Still, Still*  
Hymn of Praise: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1 & 4) #230  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Larry & Cindy Newsom  
Morning Prayer & Lord’s Prayer Pastor Neill  
Giving of our Tithes and Offering  
Offertory: *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. J. M. Stevens  
Doxology: *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* #95  
Children’s Message Selwyn Shaw

Salem Global Methodist Church Choir presents  
**Beautiful Star**  
Created by Dave Clark  
Narrated by Bill Rigsbee

*Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child / O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*That Beautiful Name*

*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

*Was He Quiet or Did He Cry / Away in a Manger*

*Go Tell It on the Mountain / Angels We have Heard on High*

Soloists: Billy Lowder & Beverly Johnson

*A King Changes Everything*

*The First Christmas Gift / O, Come, All Ye Faithful / Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Soloist: Robert Lipe

Hymn of Response: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1 & 3) #240

Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction: *Still, Still*

Postlude: *In Dulci Jobilo* arr. Bach, arr. M. Ryan

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

Today	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Combined Worship Service & Christmas Cantata-Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Ladies Circle-FB
	4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling / Soup & Bread Supper-Hut
Monday, Dec. 15		Church Office will be closed
Wednesday, Dec. 17	10:00 am	Volunteer at OCC Processing Ctr
	6:00 pm	Youth Bible Study-Hut
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, Dec. 20	5:00 pm	Drive-Thru Nativity
Sunday, Dec. 21	9:00 am	Worship Service-Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Salem Too Worship Service-FB
	6:00 pm	Love Feast

***Our Prayer Concerns:***

Pat Blankenship, Raymond Campelo, Carol Clark Family, Jerry Crisco, Micky & Jeannie Culp, Ron & Cindy Dry, Jim Furr (hospital), Michael & Cindy Gregory, Jo Hatley, Ted Hatley (surgery tomorrow), Valrie Hefty, Jimmy Heglar, Wallace Humphrey (Pam Martin’s friend),

Larry Litaker Family (Brian Blalock’s uncle), Brad Love, Nancy Lowder Family, Roger Lowder, Jacob McDaniel, Nathan Nance, Addison Perry, Lee Preslar, Robin Ray, Jeanette Raybon, Bill Rigsbee, Shelby Shoe, Jane Sides, Ruth Slone

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Lentz and Ruth Almond, by Beverly Johnson.

**HONORARIUM**

In lieu of Christmas cards Boyd and Vickie Furr have given a donation to WNC Global Methodist Disaster Response in honor of church family and friends.

## NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Sharon L. Lowder's new phone number is 704-322-8793

## DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS POKES

If you wish to help fund the traditional Christmas Pokes that will be given out next Sunday, please mark your donation and place in the offering plate or give to the church office.

## LET'S GO CAROLING-Today

Today at 4:00 pm gather with Pastor Neill and Selwyn to go to Trinity Place and other stops around as time allows. After sharing some Jesus' Joy, we will go back to the Hut for a soup and bread supper together. All ages are invited for the fun!

## DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY – December 20

Our drive through nativity is sponsored by the youth, but we need many people to help us share Jesus next Saturday, December 20, from 5:00-6:30 pm. Please let the Church Office or Selwyn know if you would volunteer that night. If you have access to a live animal (or two) that will work for cheap, let us know.

## MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST – December 21

Everyone is invited to Salem's Moravian Love Feast Sunday, December 21, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Enjoy singing Christmas hymns, hearing the Christmas story, special music, and the traditional rolls and cider.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – December 24

5:30 pm - Lisa Hinson will bless us with a Christmas Organ Concert

6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship Service

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please remember to check your mailbox across from the church office during December to get your Christmas cards.

## HAPPY HOME FLAVORING

Happy Home Flavoring is on the shelf beside the church mailboxes. Please leave the money with Linda Almond or the church office.

## DECEMBER EVENTS:

14	3:00 pm	Ladies Circle-FB
14	4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling
20	5-6:30 pm	Drive-Thru Nativity
21	6:00 pm	Moravian Love Feast
24	5:30/6:00 pm	Organ Concert & Christmas Eve Service



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To Grow in Christ's Love,  
To Share Christ's Love*

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