



AWAKENING 150
CONTEMPORARY ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018
Third Sunday in Advent – Sunday of Joy
8:30 A.M.

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH SONG

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – Candle of Joy

OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH SONGS

KIDS' TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2: 1-7

SERMON: **“On the Way to Bethlehem – Mary and Joseph”**

INVITATION TO PRAY AT THE ALTAR

*CLOSING SONG

*SENDING FORTH

** Please stand as you are able.*

*We are a Safe Sanctuaries Church. Parents/Grandparents, **please** accompany your child to the restroom if he/she needs to leave during worship service. Thank you*

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR DECEMBER 23rd

Worship Leader – Pastor Steve

Greeters – Tim & Angie Bennett

Acolytes – Brissa Ferrer & Nicole Magana

Head Usher – John Lowder

Children's Sermon – Pastor Steve

Counters – Vickie Hatley & Martha Lowder

Flowers – Cindy Wyatt, Poinsettias

Outdoor Sign – Boyd & Vickie Furr

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY – December 23rd

Come enjoy our youth as they present “The New Star” play next Sunday, December 23rd, at 6:00 pm. There will be a special surprise actor!

CHRISTMAS EVE ORGAN CONCERT & SERVICE

Lisa Hinson will have a special Christmas Eve organ concert at 5:30 pm on December 24th. The Christmas Eve Service will follow the concert at 6:00 pm.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Salem's Church Office will be closed December 24th-26th for Christmas and January 1st for New Year's Day.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 has been an outstanding year of giving for Salem. With all that we've been given for the new building and other church related missions, we are blessed. The only downside to this is that giving for the General Fund has dropped this year, and we are a little concerned. While we are still in great financial shape, much of what we have in our checking account is earmarked for the new building and special funds. Through October, we are behind budget by almost \$19,000 and \$18,000 behind in general fund giving where we were at last year. The final results are not in for November yet, but collections were very good. Again, we are still in very good shape, but thought everyone needed to be aware of this.

Thanks, Bill

2019 FLOWER LIST

Please contact the Church Office if you wish to place flowers in the church in 2019. Several families have special annual dates reserved, and these people also need to contact the Office to verify the date.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The mailboxes across from the Church Office are overflowing with Christmas cards. Please check your box.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ITEMS

Flavoring (\$3) and red and green food coloring (\$5) are available in a box on the bookshelf beside the Church Office. Please give the money to Linda Almond or the Church Office.

Several sizes of kitchen knives are also for sale in the Church Office.

We have 4 copies of The Daily Bible available in the Church Office for \$15 per book. The daily readings are in chronological order.

USED SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS/UPPER ROOMS

We are saving our old Sunday School books and Upper Rooms for Jeff Nance to use in the local prison ministry. Please leave books in your Sunday School class or in the basket near the Church Office.



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Advent – Sunday of Joy
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

11:00 A.M.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Paula Almond, Jake & Karen Ash, Emily Austin, Ray Bangle, Jr., Loretta Barringer, Joan Bunn, Jeff & Lana Bunting, Jeff Chance, Doug Clark family, Carolyn Dunn and Jeanette Eudy.

Tracy Furr, Kimberly Goodman, Seth Green, Ray Harwood family, Tim Harwood, Don Heafner, John Hewett family, Isaiah King's grandfather, Karen Lowder, Lavaughn Lowder, Helen Parker, and Megan Rogers family.

Robert Roland, Alice Rothe, Jo Nell Rowland, Harpo Ruttman family, George Sellner, Phyllis Shoe family, Ray Shoe, Ann Smith, Marilyn Tucker, Peggy Wagoner, JoAnn Wing and Kathy Yow.

GIANT CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SHUT-INS – Today

The Mission/Outreach Team is sponsoring the Giant Christmas cards again this year. They are on tables in the Sanctuary. Please help our team make this Christmas special by signing the cards today,

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST – Tonight

Our Moravian Love Feast will be tonight at 6:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of traditional Christmas music and singing as well as wonderful fellowship. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors.

AUDIO/VISUAL TRAINING – December 17th

Our Music N' More rep will conduct training for the New Fellowship Building audio/visual systems Monday, December 17th at 6:00 pm in the new building. If you anticipate using the system at any time, please plan to attend the ONLY training session given by Music N' More.

LIVE NATIVITY – December 22nd

If your child is interested in being part of this year's Live Nativity on Saturday, December 22nd please contact Julie Cummings (704-322-0926).

The Live Nativity will be open for everyone to enjoy and drive through from 6:00-8:00 pm.

PRELUDE: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. A. L. Page

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF "THE TRINITY" (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *All Hail King Jesus*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – Candle of Joy

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *In the Bleak Midwinter* #221

*ACT OF PRAISE: Malachi 3: 1-3
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (vs 2) #206

PRAYER CONCERNS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* arr. D. Bish

*DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

ANTHEM: *Call The Baby Jesus*

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jennifer Almond

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2: 1-7

SERMON: **"On the Way to Bethlehem – Mary and Joseph"**

INVITATION TO PRAY AT THE ALTAR

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* #209

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *Alleluia*

*PASTOR'S BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: *O Thou Joyful Day* arr. D. Bish

**Please stand as you are able*

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lentz and Ruth Almond by their family.

SYMPATHY

We give thanks for the life of Phyllis Shoe who passed away on December 8th. Please hold her family close in your thoughts and prayers, especially her husband, Larry, her son, Adam (Anne) Lowder, her daughter, Amy Lowder Black, and grandchildren, Ryan Hitapole, Callie Lowder, Alayna Lowder and Michael Black. May the Lord's hands of compassion and love and His guiding light from above, shine down upon you and give you strength during this time of sorrow.

THANK YOU

Lauri Jo Sides would like to thank everyone for all the acts of kindness shown to her during her recent surgery and recovery.

Alice Rothe wishes to thank Salem for the cards, calls and especially the prayers during her recent surgery and rehab. Please continue to remember Alice in your prayers as she continues to recover.

Thank you to Jackie Drye, Randy Almond, Boyd Furr, John Lowder and Sam Eudy for repairing the yard lights in the front of our Church.

Thanks to the Young People's Sunday School class for filling the Christmas "Pokes" to be given out tonight at the Moravian Love Feast.

A Love Offering of \$260. was received for Daniel Dickens after his portrayal of Joseph.

Thank you for supporting the Love Offering to cover the cost of our "Christmas Pokes." We collected \$578.50.

The Stanly Community Christian Ministries "Yellow Cup" collection was \$69.13.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader – Bill Rigsbee Head Usher – John Lowder
Greeters – Tim & Angie Bennett Outdoor Sign –
Acolytes – Bristol Smith & Mary Herlocker
Children's Church – Beth Plowman & Kristen Herlocker
Counters – Nadine Bowers & Boyd Furr

MEMORIALS

New Fellowship Building Fund

In honor of Roxie Eudy's 90th birthday by Anne Nance

In honor of Jo Anne Hainline by Shelia & Jay Creswell

In honor of Vickie & Boyd Furr by Shelia & Jay Creswell

In memory of Jeff Roland by Ren & Robin Barbee

In memory of Chris Hatley by Ren & Robin Barbee

In memory of Joe Godwin by Ren & Robin Barbee

Operation Christmas Child

In honor of Lana & Jeff Bunting by Shelia & Jay Creswell

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

TODAY

8:30 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

2:00 pm

3:30 pm

6:00 pm

MONDAY

6:00 pm

TUESDAY

6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm

SATURDAY

6:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:30 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

6:00 pm

Third Sunday in Advent – Sunday of Joy

Awakening 150 Service

Sunday School

Worship Service

Youth Group meet

Children's Play Practice – Sanctuary

Moravian Love Feast

DECEMBER 17

Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hut

DECEMBER 18

New Fellowship Building Team

DECEMBER 19

Choir Practice

DECEMBER 22

Live Nativity

DECEMBER 23 – Sunday of Love

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Worship Service

Children's Christmas Play – Sanctuary