

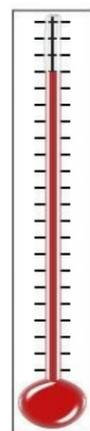
“LOOK FOR THE HELPERS.” — MISTER ROGERS

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** began about 24 years ago as an outreach to those in need in Salem and to those at SPC who'd otherwise be alone on Thanksgiving. We invited the League of Older Americans, who held lunches here at the time, other congregations in Salem, Total Action Against Poverty, and welfare recipients. At the first dinner, a small number of people joined the Outreach Committee and their families. From that small beginning, it's grown so that it fills up Gresham Hall and overflows into the hallways. We deliver many meals as well, and members of other churches donate food and volunteer with us. For many in our congregation, this is their Thanksgiving because of the wonderful food and fellowship. For more information and to volunteer, see the insert.

We're assembling a **CARE Team** to help members in crisis (e.g., health) or needing special assistance (e.g., birth of a baby). The CARE Team will send cards, make calls, visit, arrange rides, run errands, provide food, and even help in the house or yard. If you'd like to be involved in this ministry of care and support (in the Apostle Paul's words: "bearing one another's burdens"), please contact Elder Susan Burnett (540-793-0414 or susanb3705@gmail.com).

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT to the Lord's work through your tithes and pledges. Please pick up your **quarterly statement** (in sealed envelopes) in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Carlene Hickman (389-3881 or churchadmin@salempres.org). Thank you!

TAX TIP REMINDER FOR SENIORS, 70+, WITH IRAS. You can eliminate income taxes on your IRS distributions by making direct transfers of as much as \$100,000 annually from your traditional IRA directly to SPC or another charity. The new tax law retained this tax saver, but also increased its usefulness. For tax year 2018 many more people will take the much larger standard deduction in lieu of taking itemized deductions, leading to fewer filers claiming charitable deductions on Schedule A. The charitable transfers count as all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). Unlike other IRA distributions, you are not taxed on them and they are not added to your adjusted gross income. Such direct transfers can save you significant income taxes that otherwise would be assessed on IRS distributions. This tax saver is not available for employer-sponsored plans such as 401(k) and SEP plans. As always, consult your tax advisor for tax planning that is tailored to your specific situation.



\$433,280

Stewardship Campaign for 2019

\$362,574

Our church uses our gifts—monetary and otherwise—for worship, outreach, mission, fellowship, and education. **If you haven't made your 2019 pledge already, now is the time** so that we can develop our next year's budget. Your giving makes all of our activities possible, and your pledging helps us plan based on expected income. We need everyone to make their best pledge, although if your circumstances change—for the better or the worse—you can adjust your pledge at any time. If you have any questions about stewardship, or how the church uses our gifts, please contact Elder Fran Ferguson. A pledge card is included in your bulletin. You may place it in the offering plate or return it to Carlene Hickman's box in the church office. Thank you!

About Salem Presbyterian Church (SPC)

Founded in 1831, SPC was one of the first Presbyterian churches in the Roanoke Valley and started other Presbyterian churches in the area. A congregation of about 500 members, we're committed to worshiping the Lord, growing in faith and fellowship, strengthening our relationship with Him, and serving people in His name, especially those in need. A member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we invite you to join our family of faith as the Spirit leads us to be His faithful followers in our lives and in the world, witnessing to His grace, mercy, justice, and love.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY - November 18

9:30 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:15 PM Worship and Music (Room 117)
 6:00 PM Youth Group (at SPC)

MONDAY - November 19

6:45 AM Men's Breakfast (Salem's Famous Anthony's)
 4:00 PM Family Promise meeting
 7:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA) [Gresham Hall]

TUESDAY - November 20

7:00 PM Christian Education committee meeting
 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society rehearsal

WEDNESDAY - November 21

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Room 117)
 11:45 AM Downtown Lunch [Alexander's in Roanoke]

THURSDAY - November 22

Thanksgiving Day: Church Office Closed
 12:00 PM **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**
 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA) [Gresham Hall]

FRIDAY - November 23

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY - November 25

Christ the King Sunday
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

Dates to Remember!

November 22 Community Thanksgiving Dinner
December 1 Advent "It's a Wonderful Life" at 2:00 PM
December 1 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society Christmas Concert
December 2 4:00 PM Salem Choral Society Christmas Concert
December 8 Advent "The Polar Express" at 2:00 PM
December 9 SPC's Christmas Music Program
December 15 Advent "The Christmas Cup" at 2:00 PM, Mill Mountain Theatre
December 19 Advent "The Grinch" at 5:00 PM
December 24 5:00 PM Christmas Story, Candlelight, and Children Singing
 11:00 PM Lessons, Carols, Candlelight, and Communion

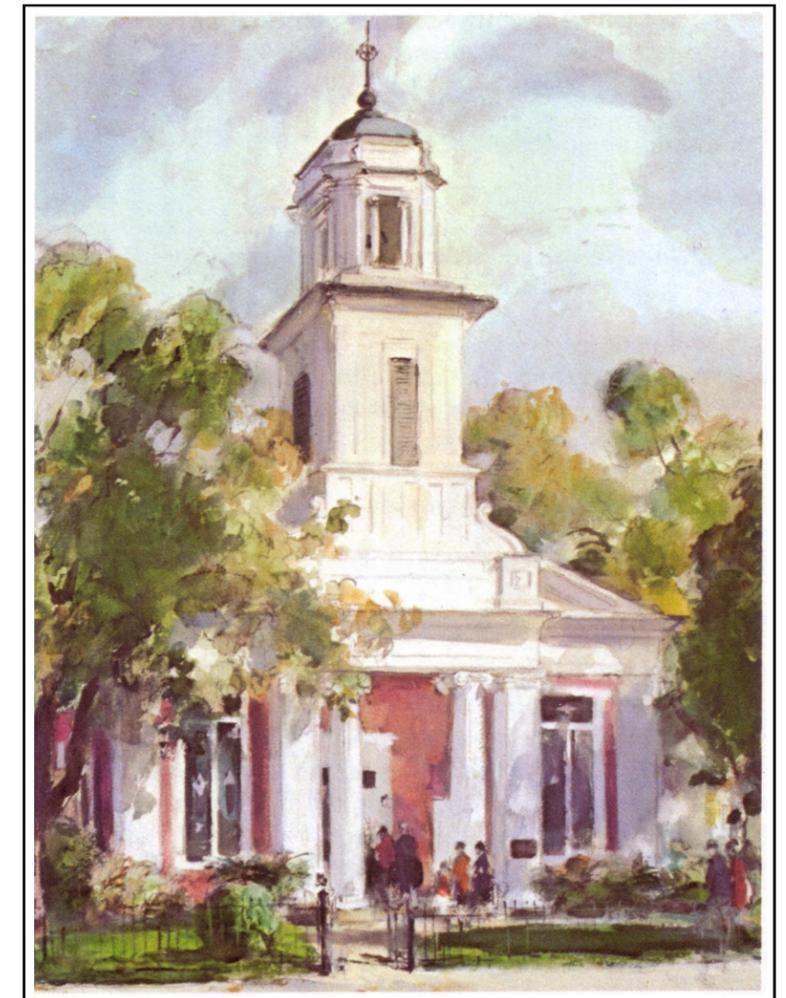
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Salem Presbyterian Church

Founded in 1831
 Salem, Virginia



Walter Biggs

November 18, 2018
 11:00 AM

Our mission, inspired by God through the Holy Spirit, is to be a visible sign of God's love for all people by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, so that all people may know Him as Lord and Savior.

WORSHIP. GROW. SERVE.

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018
11:00 AM

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Jennifer Eklund
Katelyn Crumpacker, piano

***Call to Worship** Psalm 100 Karen Nelson, Elder
Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!
Leader: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;
People: and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

***Hymn 772** "Live into Hope"

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession
Merciful and loving God, forgive us. Remove from us all dark despair, all deep distress, all groundless fears, all sinful desires, all false values, all selfish wishes. Fill us with Your holy presence, Your living love, Your healing touch, Your splendid courage, Your mighty strength, Your perfect peace, Your boundless joy. O God, we place in Your hands all that we have been and all that we are now, so that what we may yet become will exceed all our expectations. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace! Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free; Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me!

Word with the Children

After the Word with the Children, children three and younger may return to the nursery; children four and older may follow Faye Hastings to Room 106 for Children's Worship.

First Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:19-25 NT, p. 224
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Not Ashamed" arr. Dan Forrest
Pam Elgin, piano
I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause, maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross. Jesus, my Lord, His name my trust, He'll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost. I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His power, what I've committed to His hands, until my final hour. Then He shall own my lowly name before His Father's face, and in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place. I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, not ashamed to own my Lord, Jesus, my Lord.

Second Scripture Reading Mark 13:1-8 NT, p. 50
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Discerning The New Day" Rev. W.D. Hasty

***Hymn 357** "The Days Are Surely Coming"

***Affirmation of Faith** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")
In a broken and fearful world, the Sprit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "Thanksgiving Medley" Jennifer Eklund
Mary Robinson, piano
***Hymn 606** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
***Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 815** "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** "Let All Things Now Living" arr. Larry Shackley
Pam Elgin and Reed Carter, piano

**As you are able, please stand.*



WORSHIP

WELCOME TO SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SPC)!
Whether you're visiting or a longtime member, we're grateful you're here. We don't look or act alike. God *knows* we don't think alike. We come with varied questions, burdens, and joys. But every Sunday we worship as one. Our church has deep roots. You'll hear that in the hymns and Affirmation of Faith, for example. We pray you'll also hear a word of comfort, challenge, God's "still, small voice," or otherwise experience God's presence and deepen your relationship with Him.

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME to W.D. Hasty, who's preaching today and helping lead us in worship. W.D. is a retired Presbyterian pastor who sings in our Chancel Choir. His wife, Phyllis, is a member, so SPC is their church home. We thank God for them and for their gifts and commitment to serving the Lord in and through this church.

So we can greet one another by name, please fill out the black fellowship register at the end of each pew. You're invited to join us every Sunday for **Sunday School at 9:30 AM, worship at 11:00 AM, fellowship at 10:30 AM in Gresham Hall, and for any of SPC's ministries**, and there are many here to feed your soul. If you'd like to learn more about them or join this family of faith, please speak with pastor Janet. You can also learn more at salempres.org, including read worship bulletins and newsletters, hear audio of anthems and sermons, and see upcoming ministries.

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME."
SPC values children! Children's bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors. Child care for infants and toddlers is available in Rooms 103 and 104, and if you need to leave the service with a child, you can listen to the service in the parlor (the first room on your right as you walk through the front right sanctuary door).

THESE MAY HELP
If you'd like a large-print hymnal or hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. (Both are available on tables at the back of the sanctuary.)

ABOUT WORSHIP
Sermons are based on a lectionary used by churches worldwide. Each Sunday's texts are listed in the bulletin and newsletter; we encourage you to read them prior to

worship. **Next Sunday's texts are Psalm 103 and John 18:33-37.** CDs of previous sermons and anthems are available at the back of the sanctuary.

In Advent (beginning Sunday, December 2), the sermons will explore Scriptural themes in three films and in the book *The Christmas Cup*. To prepare, we invite you to watch at SPC "It's a Wonderful Life" on December 1 at 2:00 PM; "The Polar Express" on December 8 at 2:00 PM; and "The Grinch" on December 19 at 5:00 PM. We also invite you to Mill Mountain Theater's production of *The Christmas Cup*. We've reserved a block of seats for December 15 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for children/youth and \$25 for adults, and we can carpool from the church. To join us, **please contact Karen Nelson (karennelson24153@yahoo.com) and bring a check to SPC by TODAY!**

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Margaret and David McClung's 65th wedding anniversary, from their family.

We thank God for **Pam Elgin, Mary Robinson, and Katelyn Crumpacker** for adding to the joy of our worship this Sunday by sharing their talents with us.

GROW

DISCIPLE MEANS "LEARNER."
We encourage everyone to be life-long learners of the Lord by committing to one of the following **classes at 9:30 AM:**

- Pre-Kindergarten (age 2 1/2-5)—Cherub Choir (9:30-10:00 AM) and Sunday School (10:00-10:30 AM)
- Kindergarten-Grade 5—Workshop Rotation: *Joshua*
- Youth—*Submerge*
- Disciple—Disciple III: *Remember Who You Are—The Letters of Paul*
- Journey On—"When Did God Become a Christian?"
- Kingdom Living—*Kerygma: The Bible in Depth*

DURING ADVENT, ARTWORK IN GRESHAM HALL will be based on the themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. You're invited and encouraged to take pictures of where you see Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Send them to Janet (janet.chisom@salempres.org) before November 29 or in response to Janet's weekly email prompts. Look for signs of Christ's Coming!

We encourage you to deepen your discipleship through Bible studies or classes at SPC and through personal devotional practices. Some resources for the latter are: *The One Year Bible* arranges Old and New Testament passages into daily readings; *Our Daily Bread* has short daily devotionals based on Scripture online at odb.org; and there are printed resources available in the rack on the wall at the back of the sanctuary.

We're creating a **new pictorial directory** that'll be printed, online, and accessible on smartphones (and secure!). Members Larry Curfiss and Kate Robinson will take pictures on **December 1 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**. Questions? Contact Larry (lcurfiss@gmail.com) or Kate (k8robins@gmail.com).

SERVE

"LET US PRAY..."
Please pray for the following members: Anne Bach, Bob Bullock, the family of Dottie Denison, Ben Dickerson, Judy Garst, Bob Goodwin, Doug Hayes, Toni Jolly, Erik Johnson, Sandy Lipes, Anna Oedel, Mike Parr, Mike Pate, Mamie Sleeper, Wanda Thompson, the family of Becky Wood, and John Wood.

Please also pray for these mission partners:

- CEDEPCA in Guatemala. They provide disaster assistance, theological training, and vital ministry to women.
- Renee Bach and Serving His Children. They fight malnutrition in Uganda.
- Members John Ellison and Steve Lemons. They volunteer in disaster/crisis ministry with Samaritan's Purse.
- Leslie Vogel is a PCUSA mission co-worker serving in Central America.