

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).

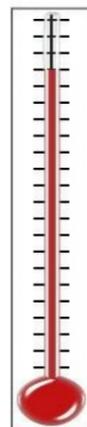
TAX TIP REMINDER FOR SENIORS, 70+, WITH IRAS. You can eliminate income taxes on your IRS distributions by making direct transfers of as much as \$100,000 annually from your traditional IRA directly to SPC or another charity. The new tax law retained this tax saver, but also increased its usefulness. 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.

FILL A SALVATION ARMY STOCKING for families in need. They're available in the church office and should be returned by **Tuesday, December 11.**

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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!

SALEM CHORAL SOCIETY invites you to their Christmas Concert December 1 at 4:00 PM and December 2 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary of SPC. There's no admission fee, though donations are greatly appreciated, and childcare will be provided.



\$433,280

Stewardship Campaign for 2019

\$389,434

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. Pledge cards are available in the church office. Thank you!

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY - November 25

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

MONDAY - November 26

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 27

11:30 AM Presbyterian at Lunch (PAL) [Gresham Hall]
7:00 PM Session meeting (Room 210)
7:00 PM Salem Choral Society rehearsal

WEDNESDAY - November 28

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Room 117)
7:30 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY - November 29

7:00 PM Joy Circle at Laura Hart's home (514 High Street, Salem)
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA) [Gresham Hall]

FRIDAY - November 30

9:00 AM Young Life

SATURDAY - December 1

2:00 PM Advent "It's a Wonderful Life" (Gresham Hall)
7:00 PM Salem Choral Society Christmas Concert

SUNDAY - December 2

First Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
12:15 PM Pictorial Directory Pictures! (see announcement)
4:00 PM Salem Choral Society Christmas Concert

Dates to Remember!

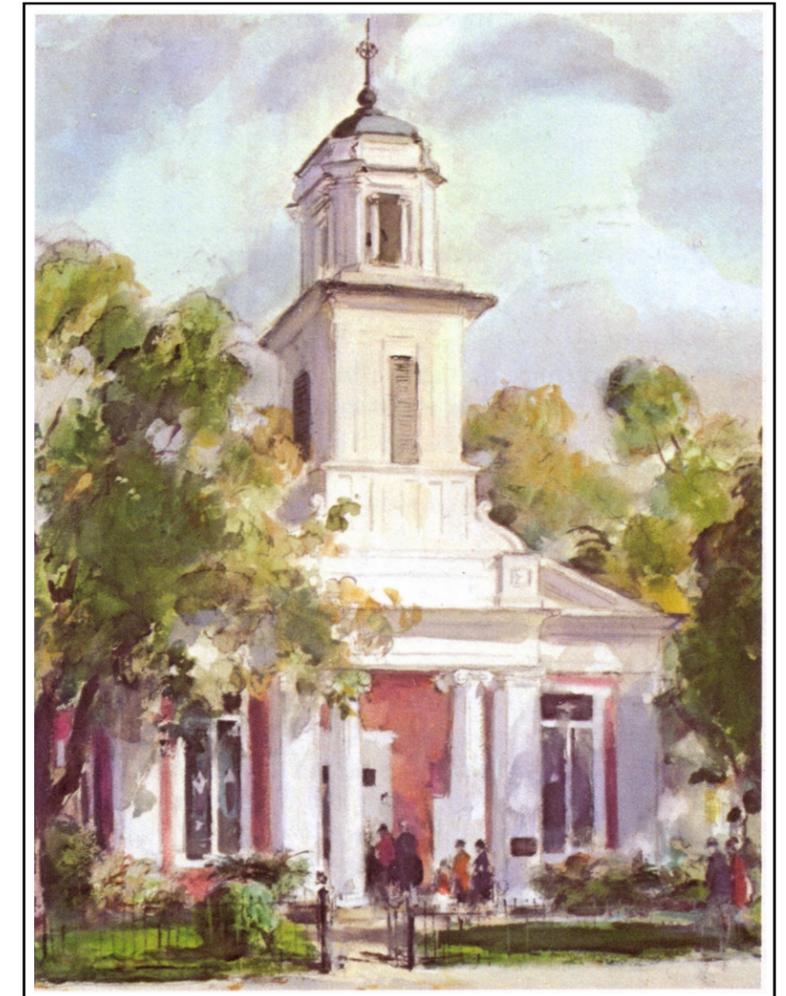
December 1 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society Christmas Concert
December 2 4:00 PM Salem Choral Society Christmas Concert
December 9 SPC's Christmas Music Program
December 24 5:00 PM Christmas Story, Candlelight, and Children Singing
11:00 PM Lessons, Carols, Candlelight, and Communion

STAFF

Dr. Will Robinson (will.robinson@salempres.org), **Pastor**
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Carlene Hickman (churchadmin@salempres.org), **Church Administrator**
Erin Beard, Tracey Blankenship, Alyssa Caldwell, Lauren Carroll, **Nursery Caregivers**

Salem Presbyterian Church

Founded in 1831
Salem, Virginia



Walter Biggs

November 25, 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
Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018
11:00 AM

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Melody Bober
Emma Carter, piano

***Call to Worship** Sarah Eller, Elder

Leader: Come! Come praise the eternal God!

People: Let all that is within us—body, emotions, mind, and will—praise God's holy name!

Leader: Despite our failures, God forgives and releases us.

People: More than any doctor, God heals our diseases.

Leader: When we are famished and weak, God fills us with good and beautiful things, satisfying our needs, and restoring our strength.

People: And so we come to praise the eternal God and remember all that God has done for us.

***Hymn 336** "We Gather Together"

***Prayer of Adoration**

Prayer of Confession (beginning with silent confession)
Sovereign God, we confess that we have allowed the things of the world to have power over us: the pursuit of power and wealth, the search for fame and security. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn 643** "Now Thank We All Our God" (verses 1 and 2)
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Word with the Children

Children age four and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary this morning.

Anthem "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Mack Wilberg
Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home: All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied: Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear: Lord of harvest grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be. For the Lord, our God, shall come, and shall take His harvest home; from His field shall in that day all offenses purge away; Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore. Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest-home; Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide: Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Scripture Reading John 18:33-37 NT, p. 113
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Living in Christ's Reign" Rev. Janet Chisom

***Hymn 645** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, our Creator and Redeemer, whose rule is over all the earth. We believe that by his infinite power, God raised his Son, Jesus Christ, to new life; and Christ ascended into heaven, far above every power, dominion, and authority, both in this age and in the age to come.

We believe that the church is founded upon the resurrection of Christ. He is the head of the church and we are the body. Christ calls us to be his disciples, and to proclaim our faith among all the nations, to the glory of God almighty. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Canon" Johann Pachelbel
Katie Johnson, piano

***Hymn 606** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 363** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Robert A. Hobby

**As you are able, please stand.*

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WORSHIP

WELCOME TO SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SPC)!

Whether you're visiting or a longtime member, we're grateful you are 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.

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 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 Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 61:1-4, and John 10:7-10.** CDs of previous sermons and anthems are available at the back of the sanctuary.

In Advent (beginning next 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 the movies with us at SPC.

- "It's a Wonderful Life" on December 1 at 2:00 PM
- "The Polar Express" on December 8 at 2:00 PM
- "The Grinch" on December 19 at 5:00 PM

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God, sanctity of all life, justice and respect for the other by Gretchen Boise.

We thank God for **Emma Carter and Katie Johnson** 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: *The Christmas Story*
- Youth—*Submerge*
- Disciple—Disciple III: *Remember Who You Are—The Letters of Paul*
- Journey On—"Songs for the Waiting: Devotions Inspired by the Hymns of Advent"
- 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 2, 9, and 16 immediately after the worship service.** 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.

"LOOK FOR THE HELPERS." — MISTER ROGERS
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER! Members lovingly prepared many casseroles and pies, and dozens of volunteers worked in the kitchen, delivered meals, provided transportation, and cleaned up. Many of you also contributed financially. You helped us provide hundreds of Thanksgiving meals to people in our community.