

 **Salem United Methodist Church**
Pocomoke City, Maryland



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SALEM U. M. Church

December 17, 2017

*** Indicates that you should rise if you are able.**

To share a prayer, joy or concern, ask an usher for a prayer card.

If you need to leave the sanctuary, the worship service is being live streamed to the Library.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Brian

Prelude: "Ding Dong Merrily On High" – arr. Hayes 4-Hand Piano

The Light of Christ

Collin Wright, Acolyte

Introit: "Emmanuel" – arr. Fettke

***Call to Worship**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**PEOPLE: and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the king of glory may come in.**

LEADER: A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

PEOPLE: make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

*Hymn # 234 – Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Advent Candle Lighting Jamie & Stephanie Covington Family

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things,
far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

***Prayer of Invocation**

JAM Time

The Teens

(Children 5 years & younger may go to the nursery with Lori Holland)

Offering Prayer

Offertory: "

Salem Singers

****Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all
creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Hymn #250 – Once in Royal David's City

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem: "Calypso Lullaby" - Raney

O.T. Reading – Isaiah 40:1-11

N.T. Reading – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Sermon

Being Prepared

Pastor Brian

*Hymn #251 – Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Here We Come Rejoicing" – arr. Fettke

Postlude: "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" – arr. Hughes Gloria Wilkins

Next week's sermon topic: *The Great Terrible Day* 1 Thes. 5:16-24

Pulpit Assistant: Barbara Browning

Greeters: Side Door – JoAnn & Wayne Camden

Front Door – Flora & Wayne Brittingham

Ushers: Shayla & Jay Miles

Sound Board: Claire Holland & Collin Wright

Attendance – 12/3: 131 Last year: 115

Prayer Concerns for 12/3: Diane Frostrom; Danny Outten, Sr.; Teresa Melton; Leona & Leon Weidema; Bob Parsons; Sarah Dolbow; Grayson Granger Family; Roy Wattenbarger; Bruce Morrison & Family

Joys for 12/3: Corrine Wall is with us today

Please Remember: HARTLEY HALL: Nina Silverthorne, Dottie Denston. MANOKIN MANOR: Barbara Bunting. BRIGHT VIEW ROLLING HILL: Barbara Henderson. HOME: Althea Billig; Curt Dennis; Sandy Shockley; Jan Stevenson (at daughter's).

Serving Our Country: Gregg Frostrom, Jr.

Visitors ~ Welcome! We invite you to complete a "Welcome Visitor" card & drop it in the offering plate or give to an usher so we may pray for you.

THIS WEEK at Salem

(Items in bold are open to all members)

TODAY	Samaritan Shelter Collection 3 PM – Children's Party @ Bethany
Tues., Dec. 19	11 AM – Band Together @ Bethany
Weds., Dec. 20	Newsletters printed, folded & mailed today 6:30 PM – Choir Party @ Norma's
Thurs., Dec. 21	11 AM – Band Together @ Bethany
Sun., Dec. 24	9:30 AM – Worship 10:45 AM – Sunday School 8 PM – Christmas Eve Service @ Salem

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 15 – 6:30 PM – Salem Council Meeting
Jan. 19 – 6 PM – LIFT Pancake Supper. See any member
of the class for tickets.
Jan. 22 – 6:30 PM – Men's Dinner @ Mallard's
Jan. 25 – 11 AM – Winter Lunches

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Bruce Morrison's Address** is: Christiana Hospital, Neuro
Critical Care 2D, Room #2, 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Rd.,
Newark, DE 19713

Since I am in Christ, by the Grace of God...
I have been redeemed and forgiven, and
I am a recipient of His lavish grace.
(Ephesians 1:6-8)