Salisbury
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m. Online
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or spirit.
♦ at 11:00 a.m. only

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Jim King, Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Nate Taylor, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Hezron Thumbi, Seminary Intern
Dr. Mark Patterson, Director of Music & Composer in Residence
Cathy Armistead, Organist
Jenny Kirkbride, Children's & Youth Choir Director
Greg Shultz & Meghann VanSant, Operations and Finance Managers
Amber Earley, Communications Coordinator
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WEEKLY E-NEWS SIGN UP

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Service for the Worship of God

December 15, 2024

Welcome & Announcements — Rev. Dr. Jim King

Prelude — *In the Bleak Midwinter* — arr. Brenda Austin
Salisbury Ringers

8:45 a.m. Lighting of the Advent Candle — John, Beth, Alex & Sarah King
11:00 a.m. Lighting of the Advent Candle — Luis, Elisa, Luna, Lily & Lucy Sánchez

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.
People: Again, I will say, "Rejoice!"
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy!
People: God is with us. The Lord is near.

*Hymn of Adoration — #136 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Prayer of Adoration and Silent Prayer of Confession — Rev. Nate Taylor

*Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess to You, O God, that we are not prepared to welcome Your way of righteousness, justice and peace. You call us to repentance, but we refuse to change our ways. You call us to resist oppression, but we resign ourselves to evil. You call us to be reconciled, but we remain divided and afraid. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour Your Spirit in our lives, so that we may be forgiven and set free of the guilt of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

People: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him. John 3:16–17
Leader: Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson — Luke 3:7–11

8:45 a.m. Anthem — *Angels We Have Heard on High* — Trevor Manor
Sunrise Singers & Salisbury Ringers

11:00 a.m. Anthem — *Will You Be Ready?* — Mark Patterson
Children's Choirs, Kirby Gundlach, director
Evelyn Smith, youth helper

♦Children's Message

Scripture Lesson — Luke 3:12–18

Sermon — Fill Your Fruit Basket

Hymn of Reflection — #144 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Prayers of the People, and The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory — *Prelude on an American Carol* — Gilbert Martin

*Doxology

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

*Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Hymn of Parting — #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Benediction

♦Choral Benediction — *O, Come O, Come Emmanuel* — Traditional

Postlude — *Glory of God* — David Paxton

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 29**, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act upon the report from the Nominating Committee. No other business will be conducted at the meeting.

FLOWER DEDICATION
The poinsettias are given by the SPC Flower Guild.

Ushers: 8:45 a.m. Mark Rowe & Lorrie Clark
11:00 a.m. Eric Finkbeiner & Bill Muth

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
8:15 a.m. Sunrise Singers
8:45 a.m. Early Worship
9:15 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:45 a.m. Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6-8 p.m. Youth Group

Tithes & Offerings
can be placed during offertory or electronically through our church website www.thesalisburychurch.org or scan this QR code:

Next Sunday December 22nd, will be our Lessons and Carols service at both 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Save the Date:
Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve Services:
4:00 p.m. Family Service
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion

Sunday December 29 and January 5, there will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.