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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.

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Jim King, Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Nate Taylor, Associate Pastor
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
Kathryn Boyle, Administrative Assistant
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WEEKLY E-NEWS SIGN UP

Please contact Amber Earley:
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Service for the Worship of God

Both scripture and song are shared today in the spirit of worship. We ask that you hold your applause until the very end of the service, when we will all take a moment together to acknowledge our worship participants.

December 22, 2024 — Lessons & Carols

Welcome & Announcements — Rev. Dr. Jim King

Prelude — *Still,Still, Still* — arr. Paul Manz

Advent Candle Lighting — 8:45 a.m. Steenkamer Family; 11:00 a.m. Morley/Stora Family

Call to Worship

Leader: Good Shepherd, hear our prayers and deliver Your people.
People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.
Leader: Feed us with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.
People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!

*Hymn of Adoration — #143 *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

*Prayer of Adoration and Silent 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 The 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 arose 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

First Lesson	Matthew 1:18–25	
Anthem	*Who Am I, O Child of Wonder*	arr. Shawn Kirchner
Second Lesson	Luke 2:1–7	
Anthem	"*And the Glory of the Lord"* from *Messiah*	G.F. Handel
Third Lesson	Luke 2:8–14	
Anthem	*O Holy Night*	arr. Shawn Kirchner
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:15–20	
*Congregational Carol	#121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*	
Fifth Lesson	Matthew 2:1–6	
Anthem	*Joy to the World*	arr. John Rutter

The Congregation is invited to sing verses 1 and 4:

v. 1. ***Joy to the World, the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;***
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

v. 2 & 3 choir only

v. 4. ***He rules the world with truth and grace,***
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders, of his love.

FLOWER DEDICATION
SPC Flower Guild has arranged the Christmas Poinsettias. If you have purchased one of these, please pick them up after the Christmas Eve service.

Ushers:
8:45 a.m. Mark Rowe, Claire Grossman, Laura Thompson & Patrick Wettson
11:00 a.m. Nate, Laura, Erica & Owen Fravel

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Early Worship 8:45 a.m.
Children's Choirs 9:15-10:00a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10-10:45 a.m.
Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES
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

For more information, please check the SPC weekly news email. If you do not get it, please contact Amber Earley at aearley@thesalisburychurch.org.

Tithes & Offerings
Can be given electronically through our church website www.thesalisburychurch.org
Or scan this QR code:

Sixth Lesson	Matthew 2:7–12	
Anthem	*Angels' Carol*	arr. John Rutter
Seventh Lesson	John 1:1–5, 14	
Anthem	*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*	arr. Shawn Kirchner

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	*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*	arr. Dewar/Forrest

*Doxology

*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	#119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Benediction

Postlude	*Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying*	arr. Michael Burkhardt

Next Sunday December 29th at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Nate Taylor's sermon will be "What Were You Expecting?" based on Luke 2:41–52.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on December 29.

Salisbury Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Dr. Mark Patterson, Director
Cathy Armistead, Organist & Accompanist

*Today's orchestra is sponsored by a generous grant from the **Friends of Music** fund.*

ORCHESTRA

Jill Foster, Violin 1
Violaine Michel, Violin II
Tom Stevens, Viola
Jackie Spears, Cello
Jeanne Kreiser, Flute
Vicky Hamrick, Oboe
Ivy Haga, Bassoon

CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANO
Susan Bernhardt
Julie Blankinship
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Audrey Fischer
Jean Garrett
Gayle Haglund
Julie Hall
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