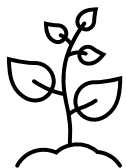


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Holy Grounds Ministry is available in the lobby. Help yourself to drinks and snacks.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	
OPENING PRAISE SONGS	“Great in Power” “This Is the Day” #657
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
INVITATION TO WORSHIP	John 4:23-24
APOSTLES’ CREED	
HYMN	“Happy the Home When God Is There” #445
OPENING PRAYER	Written by Bobbi Spence
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 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.	
CHILDREN’S TIME	
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Cause I Saw the Light [medley]”
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:39-52
PASTORAL PRAYER	
SERMON	“God’s Calling for Parents”
BAPTISM	Congratulations to baby Linus, Molly, and Jesse! <i>Congregation, please read along from the screen.</i>
COMMUNION	
OFFERING PRAYER	Written by Bobbi Spence
HYMN	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” #133
BENEDICTION	
SENDING SONG	“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #664



Pastor ShinAe Speaks April 27 – “God’s Perfect Timing” 2 Corinthians 12:10; Isaiah 41:10

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Let's wait. Let's get ready: *‘The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.’* (Lamentations 3:25-26) But there's something more important. **Who is that God?** Many people in the world believe in their own gods. There are many religions. **But who is your and my God?** The God who created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. The God who created you and me in His image and breathed into us His spirit, His breath, so that without God's Spirit, we would die and return to the dust. **Who is your and my God?** Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, conquered the power of death and rose from the dead. **Who is your and my God?** The God who is not subject to our emotions, feelings, zeal, will, thoughts, and plans, but who guides us by His holy Spirit and gives us the power to overcome.

Where are you standing right now? God speaks to you today through Isaiah: *‘Do not be afraid. For I am with you.’* (Isaiah 41:1)

What tunnel are you traveling through right now? God speaks again through Isaiah: *‘When you walk through the fire and through the water, I am with you.’* (Isaiah 41:1-2). The difficulty will be a tool to see God at work.

Where are you right now? Are you loving God and standing in God's will? In the book of Romans, Paul says: *‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.’* (Romans 8:28)

BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor ShinAe in a weekly Bible Study with a focus on the book of Deuteronomy, held on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. All are always welcome!

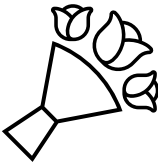
BIBLE TRANSCRIPTION EXTENSION

For all those who are participating in the Salem Bible Transcription Project, rest assured that you will have more time to complete your writings if needed – you now have until the end of May to work on transcribing. Thank you to everyone taking part in this exciting church-wide craft!

UPCOMING MEETINGS – WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- Finance Meeting – 5:00 pm
- Church Council Meeting – 6:00 pm
- SPRC Meeting – 7:00 pm

Announcements



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
In honor of Linus Spencer's Baptism
From his Grandparents, Jim & Susan Stein
And in memory of Mothers and Grandmothers
By Ralph & Carol Ascione

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary MacCready.
- Candy Morgans.
- Dolly Stein.

NEXT SUNDAY – MOTHER’S DAY HANDBELLS

Be sure to join us for worship next week as we enjoy a concert from the God Squad, Salem’s Handbell Choir! They have been hard at work practicing their performance over the past several weeks and are excited to share their musical talent with us on Mother’s Day, May 11.

SALEM’S NEW DRUMMER

Let’s give a warm welcome to Randy McCurdy, who will be playing the drums for us during Sunday service. We are grateful to Randy for giving his time and talent!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry is in need of jelly, peanut butter and toilet paper if you want to donate. You can put donations under the Welcome Desk downstairs. Just a reminder, Salem is responsible for volunteers on Friday, May 16 at 6:00 pm to help pack boxes and Saturday, May 17 at 8:30 am for distribution. Please contact Katy Heckman at 570-691-7623.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are still searching for more Sunday School teachers. Anyone who is interested in teaching Sunday School, please reach out to Steve Freeman or Pastor ShinAe. All help is appreciated for this essential branch of our church.

“SNL” MEAL & MOVIE NIGHTS

This spring, SNL Meal & Movie Nights will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. SNL meets in the social hall from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The movie and meal are both free and open to the community.

- Next date: Tonight

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CHURCH

Meal begins at 5:30 pm, worship begins at 6:00 pm. This is a free event and all in the community are welcome!

- Next date: May 8 – Sandwiches and salad

WOMEN’S GROUP – LOOKING AHEAD

The 10:00 am Thursday Women’s Group will NOT be meeting throughout the month of May. We will pick back up in June with Summer Bible Study on the Patio – Thursdays at 10:00 am at Brenda Binns’ home, 3801 Village Road, Orwigsburg (Pine Brook neighborhood).

Pastor ShinAe Speaks

April 27 – “God’s Perfect Timing”

2 Corinthians 12:10; Isaiah 41:10

InHong Cha is a tenured professor and conductor at the Wright State University Conservatory of Music in Ohio. He contracted polio at the age of two, which left him unable to walk, and he relies on a wheelchair to get around. His family was poor, and he was placed in a rehabilitation center from the age of 9. He was lucky enough to learn the violin for four years from a volunteer violinist. He was self-taught and finished middle school and high school with a GED. Surprisingly, with the help of those around him, he earned doctorates from the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, Brooklyn College, and South Carolina State University. He confesses that poverty and his polio disability did not lead him to tragedy and despair, but through them he found a God who helped him and opened a way.

There are many people like this in the Bible. David, Israel's second king, was a shepherd. Through hot days and cold, windy nights, he was alone in the wilderness tending to the sheep entrusted to his care, sometimes in moments of crisis when he had to swing his fists to defend them from wild beasts. In his lonely hours, he would gaze at the stars in the sky, discover the wonders of God the Creator, and make up songs to praise God for protecting him as a shepherd protects his sheep. He was such a singer-songwriter that he was invited to King Saul's palace to play for him.

When Goliath, the giant Philistine general, came against Israel, and everyone was afraid and trembling, young David relied on God to protect him from the wild beasts in the field, and he defeated Goliath the Philistine, who was attacking God's people and cursing God. When Saul, jealous of David's growing popularity with the people, sought to kill him, David could have killed Saul, but he did not oppose God's anointed king. Because he revered God. When Saul died in battle, David succeeded him as king. How could David, who was a shepherd, run a government as king? When he stayed in the palace to play music for Saul, he had already seen the administration of the king from the sidelines, and that was God's time for David as king.

The Apostle Paul makes the same confession. His weakness became a tool to reveal God's strength: *‘That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.’* (2 Corinthians 12:10)

Where are we now? Are we in a low place, in a time of injustice, in a time of waiting, in a time of frustration, in a time of weakness? If you have surrendered your life to God's plan through you, to God's perfect timetable; if you have surrendered your life to God's plan, to God's will through you, not to your own plan; then your time, where you are, is God's time. Your weakness will be the instrument of God's strength.

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Looking Ahead...

Mon 5/5	Office Closed
Tue 5/6	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm
Wed 5/7	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 2 pm – Bible Study 7:30 pm – Handbells Practice
Thu 5/8	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 5:30 pm – Dinner Church
Fri 5/9	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm
Sat 5/10	
Sun 5/11	10 am – Morning Worship / Handbells Concert Happy Mother’s Day!

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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST (TLC)

Sunday, May 4, 2025



Today’s Message

“God’s Calling for Parents”

Communion

Rev. Dr. ShinAe Kim



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Transforming Lives Through Christ (TLC)
We Share Christ’s Love
We Serve Others Through Christ
We Worship, Glorify, and Praise God
We Nurture People to Live as Disciples of Jesus Christ