

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Holy Ground Ministry is available in the lobby. Help yourself to drinks and snacks.  
Please be sure to use a lid on coffee cups to avoid spilling in the sanctuary.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**OPENING PRAISE SONG**                    **“Great in Power”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**                    **John 4:23-24**

## APOSTLES’ CREED

**HYMN**                                            **“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” #96**

## OPENING PRAYER

*Written by Brenda Binns*

*Dear God, our Father and Creator, we gather before you this morning to lift our praises to you in prayer and song. As our nation mourned the loss of a former president this past week, we gathered as one to celebrate the life of Jimmy Carter. How blessed we are that we can gather here every Sunday to celebrate the life of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.*

*Let us sing out this morning in celebration of that good news, as we share the gospel with each other and acknowledge the gift of life from our Father God. More importantly, let us be mindful of Jesus’ command to “Go,” and share our good news with others – with our families, with our neighbors, with those we meet at work and school, and with the rest of the world through our words and actions.*

*We ask that you bless us as we extend Your blessings to those who are hurting, to those who need comfort, and give us the strength to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who need to feel His love through us. We thank you that we can celebrate the joys in our lives as well, being always mindful that “every good and perfect gift” originates with You, Lord. We bless you for your faithfulness, for your love, and for the blessings we will receive this morning through our worship here at Salem. We pray this all in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

## 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**                    **“Amazing Grace 2 [House of Rising Sun]”**

**SCRIPTURE**                                    **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**SERMON**                                    **“Jonah, Why Nineveh?”**

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Written by Brenda Binns*

*Dear God, we ask that you accept this morning’s gifts to You as an extension of our worship and praise. We ask you to bless our offerings and give our leaders the wisdom to direct their use for the building of Your kingdom here on earth.*

*We thank you, Lord, for all those who give of their time and talents in the name of Jesus. We thank you for blessing us so that we, like Jonah, can continue to pass our blessings on to others, through our gifts of prayer, witness and service as well as through our financial gifts.*

*We thank you for the privilege of continuing Jesus’ work in our community, as we take the gospel to our neighbors through the meals served by dinner church and the disaster relief services made possible through our connectional giving to UMCOR. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

**HYMN**                                            **“Jesus Loves Me” #191**

## BENEDICTION

**SENDING SONG**                    **“Shalom to You” 2x**

# Pastor ShinAe Speaks

*(Continued from outside)*

That means introducing and sharing the Good News of Salvation through Jesus and the kingdom of God. It is the commission that Jesus gave us (“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8).

The kingdom of God is a world of light. Jesus told us that we are light and salt to the world (Matthew 5:13-14). But just as a vine branch cannot bear fruit unless it is attached to the vine (John 15:5), we cannot be light unless we abide in God, who is light.

How can we abide in Him? When we abide in the Lord through God’s Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are able to fulfill the mission He has given us. In the new year, may we listen to the Lord’s voice through prayer and the Bible more and more, and may our lives be a testimony to God through understanding, obedience, and witness.



*There will be a Worship Committee meeting today directly after service. Everyone is welcome. Thank you!*

## BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor ShinAe in a weekly Bible Study with a focus on Genesis. Held on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. All are always welcome!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

On Monday, January 27 at 4:00 pm, there will be a meeting for the United Methodist Women group to discuss plans for this year. All ladies are welcome to join us for fellowship.



# Announcements

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- The family of Vita Valenti, Carmelo and Vito Valenti.
- Mike and Becky, friends of Bruce and Carol Ernst.
- The family of Ray Hoffman. His memorial service will be held at Bible Baptist Church, Breinigsville, on February 8.

## THURSDAY WOMEN’S GROUP

The Thursday Women’s Group has begun an 8-week study on the Psalms. We will follow Richter’s study guide, “Psalms: The Epic of Eden - An Ancient Challenge to Get Serious About Your Prayer and Worship.” Books are available on Amazon or from Brenda Binns. A sign-up sheet for this study is at the Welcome Desk.

In 2024 Pastor ShinAe encouraged us all to create our own copy of the Psalms. This study will help us explore the Psalms as Israel’s songbook, as Hebrew poetry, and as Scriptures that can empower our prayer and worship today. Come join us on Thursdays at 10:00 am in Sandherr Hall.

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CHURCH

Sign ups to volunteer and contribute to the meal are on the Welcome Desk. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to church in a casual setting, or to reach out to a family whose work or sports activities prevent their attendance on Sunday mornings. Meal begins at 5:30 pm, worship begins at 6:00 pm. This is a free event and all are welcome.

- January 16 – Soup + sandwiches
  - There will be a Dinner Church team meeting immediately following service on January 16. For worship participants, those who help with food preparation and the distribution of meals in the community, and anyone interested in getting involved in this ministry. Remember that this ministry will be cancelled for inclement weather if Blue Mountain Schools are cancelled for the day or closed early.
- January 23

## 2025 WINTER NATURE SERIES

The first event of this year’s Winter Nature Series will be at St. Paul’s Reidler Hall on Sunday, January 19 at 2:00 pm, titled the “Guardianship of Trees.” Chris and Bianca Shadle, of the new Forest Stewards committee of the Schuylkill County Conservancy, will address the ways the committee serves the community in managing woodlots and neighborhood trees. There will be tree-related crafts for children and snacks, so all ages are welcome!

Also join us for upcoming sessions, both on Sundays at 2:00 pm:

- February 23 – “Blessings of our Gardens” at Salem
- March 23 – “Bounty in the County” at St. John’s

## “SNL” MEAL & MOVIE NIGHTS

This winter, 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.

- January 19
- February 2

## Pastor ShinAe Speaks

January 5 – “The Citizenship in the Kingdom of God”  
Revelation 21:1-8 (Isaiah 65:17-25)

We are those who believe in Jesus who came to redeem our sins, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and now we are waiting for Him to come again (“Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:28).

God revealed to the Apostle John what would happen when Jesus returned (“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.” Revelation 21:1-2).



When Jesus returns, the first created heavens and earth, destroyed by Adam's disobedience, will be restored, and the kingdom of God, where God rules and dwells, will be established. And we, the children of God, will become citizens of the Kingdom of God. As citizens of God's kingdom, we will enjoy the benefits of God's grace and protection, but we will also be expected to fulfill the duties of citizenship.

(Continued inside)



## Looking Ahead...

<b>Mon</b> 1/13	Office Closed
<b>Tue</b> 1/14	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 7 pm – Yoga with Ed Folk
<b>Wed</b> 1/15	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 2 pm – Bible Study
<b>Thu</b> 1/16	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 10 am – Women's Group 5:30 pm – Dinner Church + Team Meeting Afterward
<b>Fri</b> 1/17	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 4:30 - 9 pm – Scrapbooking
<b>Sat</b> 1/18	
<b>Sun</b> 1/19	10 am – Morning Worship / Guest Sermon from District Superintendent 2 pm – Winter Nature Series at St. Paul's 6 pm – SNL Meal & Movie Night

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Salem United Methodist Church

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST (TLC)

Sunday, January 12, 2025



Today's Message  
“Jonah, Why Nineveh?”

Rev. Dr. ShinAe Kim



**Our Mission**

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