

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”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

John 4:23-24

HYMN *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196*

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Written by Bruce Ernst

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431

Romans 13:11-14

SERMON *Advent 1: “Hope: Dawn Is Near”*

Written by Bruce Ernst

HYMN

“You Are My All in All”

SENDING SONG “Shalom to You” (x2)

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November 16 – “The Power of Corporate Gratitude”

Last week, we met King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20:20–21. He was the king of the southern kingdom of Judah during the era when Israel was divided into North and South. In a moment of crisis—when the peoples of Moab, Ammon, and Edom joined forces across the Jordan to invade Judah—Jehoshaphat’s response was astonishing.

One can almost hear the incredulous whispers:

"Are you out of your mind? What are you doing at a time like this?"

Yet Jehoshaphat placed the singers **in front of the army**, and they literally began to praise the Lord. At the very moment when fear, despair, and panic seemed most natural, praise rose instead.

All true praise begins with **remembering** what God has done. When we look back, we discover that every step was grace; gratitude flows from the memory of God's faithfulness. When we realize that the wilderness was the place where God taught us to rely on Him alone— where He delivered fresh manna every morning like a divine dawn delivery— praise wells up. The great mountain before me becomes a Jericho wall that will surely fall; the deep sea ahead becomes a Red Sea that will certainly part.

The song Jehoshaphat's choir sang was, remarkably, an ancient hymn written long before by King David:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever” (1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalms 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; 136:1). It was a well-known, beloved refrain of Israel’s faith.

As the choir sang the very words of Scripture, the entire army must have joined them. And then something miraculous happened— God Himself set **ambushes** against their enemies and utterly defeated them.

This is the power of **corporate praise and thanksgiving.**

When a congregation, a family, a church— when even two or three gather in the name of Jesus and lift their voices together— the saving work of God moves in mighty ways. The same God who fought for Judah will move in our church and in our individual lives today.

Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND JOYS

- Please pray for Pastor John Morgans and his health.
- Today marks the 62nd wedding anniversary of Barbara and Carl Post. Feel free to join us downstairs after service for cake and celebration!

Pastor ShinAe's Wednesday afternoon Bible Study has resumed for the fall! Please join her at 2:00 pm each week for a study on the Book of Matthew.

This fall, 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: December 7

Meal begins at 5:30 pm, worship begins at 6:00 pm, the first 3 Thursdays of the month. This is a free event and all in the community are welcome!

- Next date: December 4

The Advent Study for our Thursday morning Women's Group has begun. We meet on Thursdays at 10:00 am. No book is needed for this series other than a Bible!

It's time to usher in the Advent season! Poinsettia order forms are available now. Each pot costs \$9.00 apiece. Please be sure to turn in your order form to the Church Office or Admin Assistant's mailbox in the Welcome Desk before Wednesday, December 3. Thank you for helping to beautify our sanctuary this Christmas!

This year, Salem will hold 2 services on Christmas Eve (Wednesday, December 24) at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. We hope you will join us in celebrating this special time of year together.

From November 30 through December 19. Hats, gloves, scarves and of course mittens are needed in child and young adult sizes. This has become integral to our local food pantry's Christmas Distribution Day. People use these items as much-needed gifts for their family members. It's a joy to be able to help!

The Women of Salem will be holding a Christmas Party on Monday, December 22 at 5:00 pm! All women of Salem (and guests) are welcome to attend. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk, and be sure to mark down the names of those attending by December 14. We hope to see you there!

Introducing the...
Pray Once A Day Campaign



At Salem UMC, it is our blessed mission to speak with God, to let Him hear our voice, and to let Him know that we feel and appreciate His love and grace.
You are warmly invited to **Stop by the Church and Pray Once a Day!** Open your heart and soul in Salem's sanctuary... it is there for us to communicate with God.

**Step In
Pray On
Every Day**

Below are a few Bible verses to help inspire your prayers.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6-7)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.
(Luke 18:1)

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
(Matthew 7:7-8)

‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’
(Jeremiah 33:3)

Looking Ahead...

Mon 12/1	Office Closed
Tue 12/2	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 7 pm – Yoga with Ed Folk
Wed 12/3	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm 2 pm – Bible Study 7:15 pm – Handbells Practice
Thu 12/4	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm Poinsettia Orders Due 10 am – Women's Group 5:30 pm – Dinner Church
Fri 12/5	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm
Sat 12/6	4:30 - 8 pm – Orwigsburg Festival of Lights
Sun 12/7	10 am – Morning Worship / Advent 2 4 - 6 pm – Girl Scouts Meeting 6 pm – SNL Meal & Movie Night

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Salem United Methodist Church

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST (TLC)

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025



Today's Message
“Hope: Dawn is Near”

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*