

For the Record

Attendance Dec. 10, 2023:

In person: 52
Zoom: 15 devices (est. 22 people)

General Offering received:

December 3	\$5,507
December 10	\$ 5,200
Month to date	\$10,707

Total monthly requirement \$15,9331

Responsive Reading

Leader: My soul magnifies the
Lord, and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Right Side: For the Mighty One
has done great things for me,

Left Side: and holy is God's
name.

Leader: God has brought down
the powerful and lifted up
the lowly.

All: What will God do next?
(pause)

All: Together we wonder.

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Brenda Kauffman

Anniversaries this Week:

Brent & Marj Mobley-Oorthuys,
Tony & June Handrich, Sim & Heidi
Brubaker, Stan & Ruth Steffen,
Jason & Beth Sell

Lord's Prayer

(Voices Together 989A)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Coming Up

This Week: December 18-23, 2023

Wed 9:00 am Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Thurs 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri 6:00 pm Community Center Family Night

Sunday, December 24

no morning worship service
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org



Salem Mennonite Church

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Education Hour: Sundays at 9:30 am • Worship: Sundays at 10:45 am

Salem Mennonite invites all to join us for worship and fellowship. Our prayer is that everyone who enters here may be received as Christ. We celebrate the image of God in all people and publicly affirm that persons of every gender identity and sexual orientation are welcome to participate in our life and ministry.

Mission Statement: Salem Mennonite Church commits to hear and live God's call to be followers of Jesus Christ and to grow as a worshipping community of faith and reconciliation, where peace, joy and healing are experienced in the church and shared with others.

Luke 1:39-56 (NRSV)

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Mary's Song of Praise

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service December 17, 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

We Gather

Prelude -Rhylee and Lainey Sinks
Hymns **VT 217** "Hark!The Glad Sound" -Jon Newswanger
VT 213 "Poor of the Earth"
Call to Worship and Invocation -Juel Russell
Advent Candle Lighting -Steve, Glena and Norah Penner
Hymn **VT 216** "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" -Jon Newswanger

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Lori Christy
Scripture Luke 1:39-56 -Juel Russell
Message *Ordinary Folks, like you and me* -Marlene Bogard

We Respond

Congregational Response at the Manger
Hymn of Response **VT 412** "My Soul Cries Out" -Jon Newswanger
Offering /My Coins Count -Rhylee and Lainey Sinks
Birthday Blessing (**HWB 422** led by Dillon Newswanger)
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (Lord's Prayer **VT 989 A**)

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 228** "Wait for the Lord"
Sending Words

Ushers today: Sarah Acosta and Shawn Newswanger **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Ryan Nisly
Nursery Volunteer Today: Brent Mobley-Oorthuys