

## Nurturing Church Family

### Birthdays This Week:

Brenda Kauffman

### Anniversaries this Week:

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



## For the Record

### Attendance Dec. 11, 2022:

In person: 60

Zoom: 28 devices (est. 38 people)

### General Offering received:

Dec. 4.	\$na
Dec. 11	\$ na
Monthly total to date	\$na
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

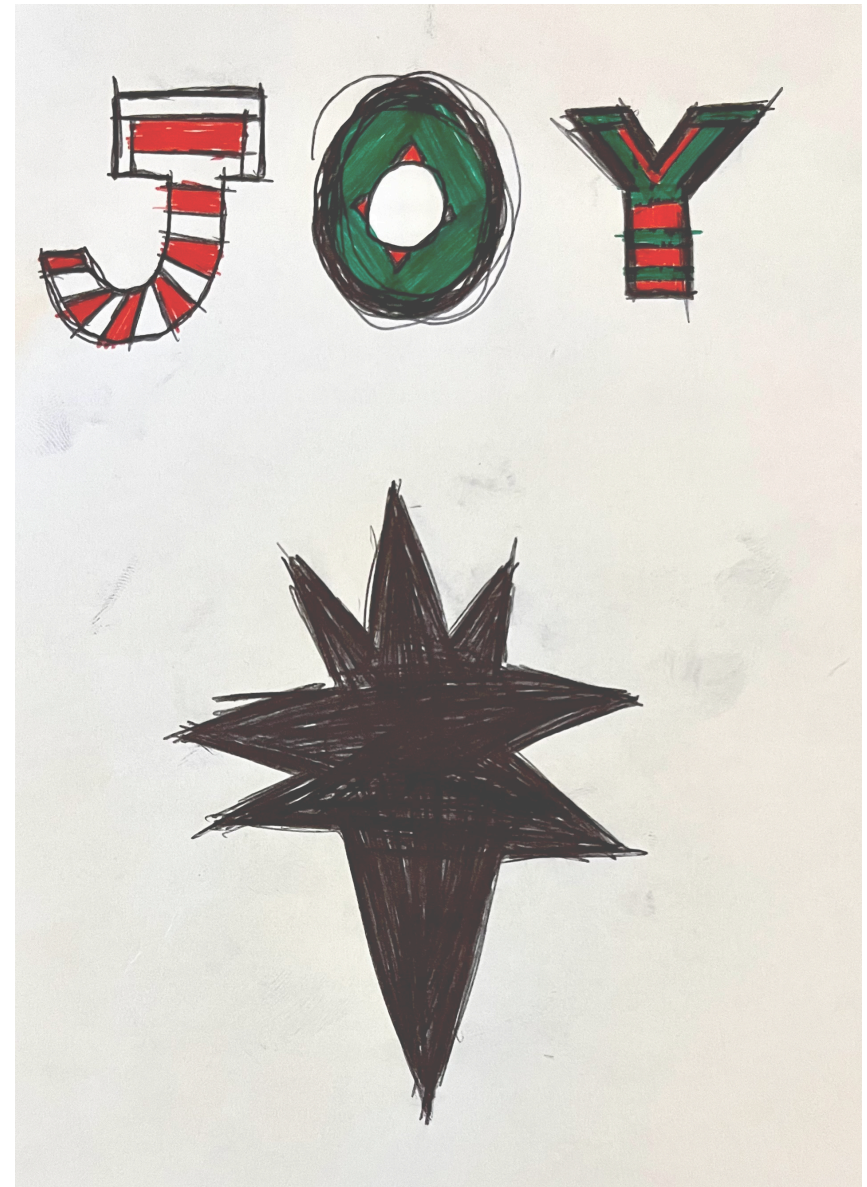


**Christmas Sunday** morning worship  
**service beginning at 10am** (not  
10:45). There will be no Sunday  
School for children or adults on  
Dec 25.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Youth Venture** sends teens and young adults ages 15-22 on short-term service and learning experiences to engage with the work of God taking place in communities around the globe. Learn about ways to serve and learn this summer: [www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Youth%20Venture](http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Youth%20Venture)

**SOOP** (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) is a program designed to offer flexible service terms for individuals over 25 and families of all ages. Whether you want to serve for two weeks or four months - or even longer - SOOP has diverse and rewarding opportunities. Learn more at [www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/SOOP](http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/SOOP)



### Salem Mennonite Church

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

# Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

## December 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

### We Gather

Prelude - Jonathan and Ruth Reimer-Berg  
Hymn **VT 215** "Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee" -Jennifer Gingerich  
Call to Worship and Invocation -Sarah Acosta  
Hymns **VT 214** "Savior of the Nations, Come" vs. 1, 2 & 4  
**STJ 3** "Come, Light of the World"

### Candle Lighting

Leader: We cry out for restoration, we call upon God to give us life.  
**People: Do not be afraid says the Lord. I have promised to be with you.**

Hymn **VT 210** "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" vs. 1 and 4  
(flame is brought to the front as we sing)

Leader: As we hold fast to God's promise, we light this candle as a sign of our joy.

**People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

### We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Marlene Bogard  
Special Music -Malcolm Delanty  
Scripture Matthew 1:18-25  
Message *Do Not Be Afraid* -Rev. Jerrell Williams  
Hymn **VT211** "Hope is a Candle" vs 1-4

### We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count - Jonathan and Ruth Reimer-Berg  
Birthday Blessing  
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer\*  
\* forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us

### We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 241** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
Sending Words

### Call to Worship Reading

Leader: Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us. God is our strength and our salvation.

**People: Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear.**

Leader: God will send angels to keep watch over you, to comfort you, to keep you.

**People: Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love. Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming power.**

*All: Praise ye the Lord!*

### Coming Up

**This Week: Dec. 19-24, 2022**

Wed 7:00 am Women's Breakfast Meeting (Zoom)

Saturday 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

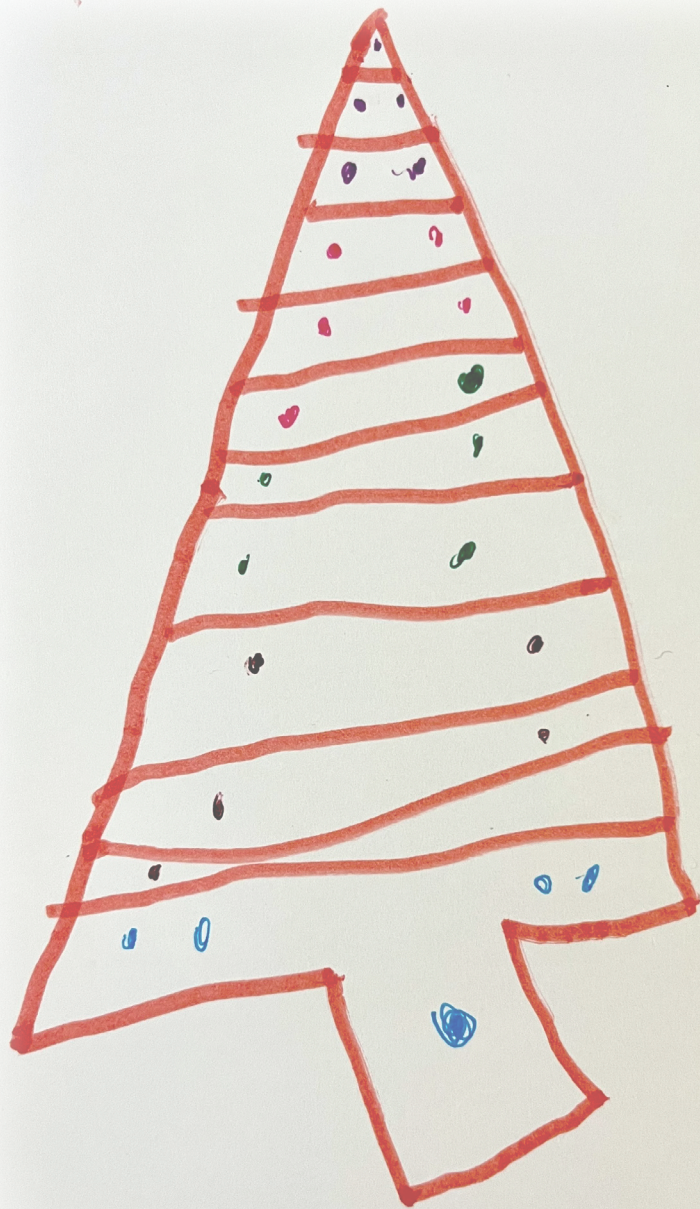
**Sunday, December 25, 2022 - Christmas Sunday**

10:00 am Worship Service, message, Rev. Jerrell Williams

Full calendar of events at [www.salemmennonitechurch.org](http://www.salemmennonitechurch.org)

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### **Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.