

## New Praises & Prayer Requests



Pray for believers and unbelievers alike to be moved by the Holy Spirit this advent season. To allow him to work in the hearts and lives for the glory of God.

Continue to pray for our local community - for our elected leaders, our schools, and our neighbors.

Continue to pray for the growth of the body of Christ throughout our town, state, nation, and world.

Our full prayer list is included in the weekly email.  
To receive the weekly email or to have your prayer requests and updates be included, please email: [office@tccsalem.org](mailto:office@tccsalem.org).

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WELCOME TO  
**TCCS**  
BECOME MAKING DISCIPLES  
FULL OF GRACE



**MATTHEW**  
*The Coming of the Promised King:*  
**Advent According to Matthew**

**Son of Kings and Exiles**  
**Matthew 1:1-17**

December 14, 2025



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## ENTERING INTO THE LORD'S HOUSE

Welcome and Announcements\*\*

Call to Worship

### ADVENT THREE – JOY

#### WORSHIP THROUGH SONG & CONFESSION

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon \*

*Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but You are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Congregational Prayer & 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

#### WORSHIP THROUGH THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Response to Giving: Doxology. \*

**(Children Dismissed to Nursery)**

#### WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Scripture Memory Verse

*Philippians 2:5-8*

*"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

Matthew 1:1-17

*Son of Kings and Exiles* Pastor Jonathan Chechile

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Song \*

#### BENEDICTION

\*\* To preserve the sanctity of worship please silence any devices.

\* All who are able, please stand. Readings in italics are read together.

## HAPPENINGS @ TCCS

### **Thursdays, Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, CE Building**

We are doing a study of the book of Romans.

### **Thursdays, Awana, K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 6:15pm., CE Building**

Join us on Thursday nights!

### **Saturdays, Men's D., 7:30am, CC Center**

We are doing a study of 1 & 2 Peter.

### **Sundays, Sunday School, 8:45am, CE Building**

**Adults & High School:** Christianity & Liberalism

**Toddlers - 8th Gr:** The Gospel Project

### **Income Summary**

<b>Last Week Collections:</b>	<b>\$8, 557</b>
<b>Weekly Goal:</b>	<b>\$4,211</b>
<b>Collections - year to date:</b>	<b>\$153,667</b>
<b>Budget - year to date:</b>	<b>\$170, 080</b>
<b>Shortfall:</b>	<b>\$16,413</b>
<b>2025-2026 Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$218,969</b>

### **This Weeks Upcoming Events:**

- **Tree of Warmth:** Collection of new hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for donation to Anchor of Hope is ending today.
- **Poinsettia Orders:** It is the time of year to help beautify our church with poinsettias. Order forms and envelopes can be found on the credenza at the entrance. Orders are due today.
- **Christmas Concert:** Join us at 2 pm next Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, for our annual Christmas Concert held in the Christian Community Center (across the street).

*Calling All Bakers & Snack Makers! We're asking for donations of desserts and finger foods for our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 21st at 2 PM. If you'd like to bless others with sweet treats or savory bites, please sign up in the foyer or contact Lori.*

Please refrain from bringing dark liquids into the Meeting House.



Water and dry snacks are welcome!

# DECEMBER 2025



Want to connect with us further? Join us on Church Center. Scan the QR Code to the above or download the app.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Check out more event details by viewing our Calendar online!</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday School 8:45am, CE</li> <li>Service 10:00am, MH</li> <li>Christmas Choir Practice 11:30am, MH</li> </ul>		<p>Missions Meeting 7:00pm, CE</p>	<p>Christmas Choir Practice 6:15pm, MH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Bible Study 9:30am, CE</li> <li>AWANA 6:15pm, CE</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Devotion 7:30am, CCC</li> <li>Family Movie Night 5:30 pm, MH</li> </ul>
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reoccurring ministries are in black.</li> <li>Special events and ministries for the month of December are in green.</li> </ul> <p>Locations: MH - Meeting House CE - Christian Education CCC - Christian Community Center</p>		

## ADVENT READING: JOY

**Leaders:** Advent is a word that means “coming” or “visit,” and in the season of Advent, we focus our hearts and minds on the “Advent” of Christ.

This morning, as we move towards Christmas and the birth of Christ, Holy God made flesh, we continue to light the Advent candles in anticipation of celebrating Christ’s birth and of the day when He will return in glory and bring His ultimate, everlasting joy for all eternity.

Today we relight the candles of Hope and Peace and light the candle of Joy.

As we do, we remember:

We remember that Christ alone is our ultimate source of Hope, Peace, and unimaginable and everlasting Joy.

We remember God’s promise to Israel of a messiah who will judge evil, make sorrow and sadness cease, and bring His everlasting joy forever.

We remember that rather than finding our joy in the abundance of material possessions, we are to find our true joy in Christ, the image of the invisible God made visible.

We remember that as we look back on the birth of our savior, look forward to His glorious return, and press forward in a world marred by sorrow and sadness, we can do so with confidence knowing that in Christ, we have a source of incomparable joy.

*Light two purple candles, and one pink candle*

**Unison Congregational Reading:** I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

**Leaders:** I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer’s; He makes me tread on my high places.

**Unison Congregational Reading:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand. When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**Leaders:** Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

**Unison Prayer:** Holy God, who announced your news of great joy for all people to lowly shepherds, as we light these candles this Advent season, we rejoice. We rejoice because we know that the first act of the story ended with the birth of Jesus the Messiah, and we rejoice because we know that the second act will end when He comes again in glory. Fix our hearts and minds on those things you have done and will do, and at all times, fill us with your joy as we hope in our savior, who has come and will come again! Amen!

*turn over*