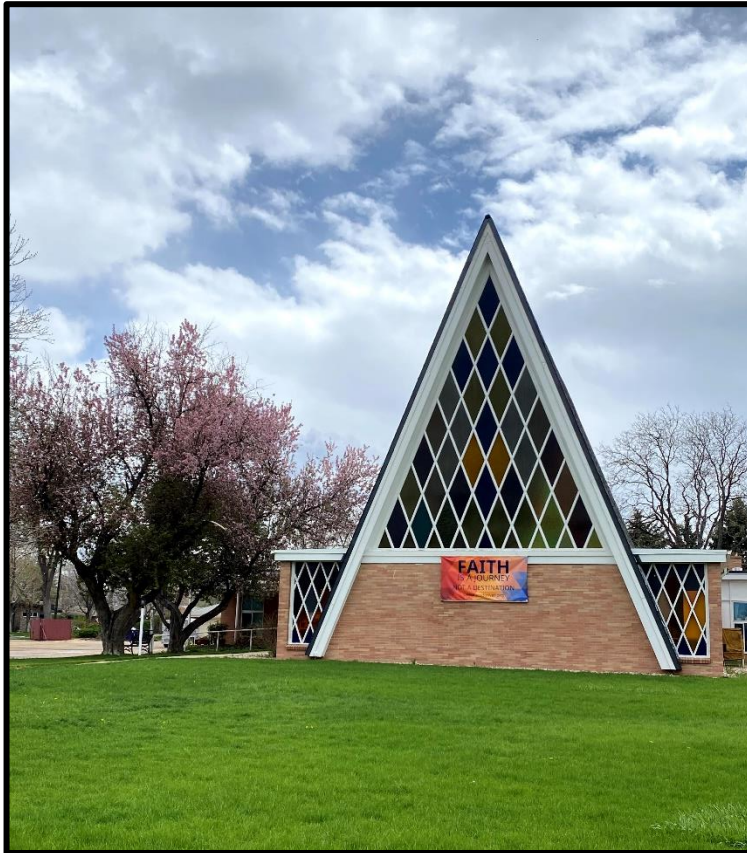


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—Please see our Pandemic Guidelines at the back of this bulletin—

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

UCC Hymnal CDs

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Chuck Wright

RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Book of Worship #486

One: Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life

Many: **We have seen the light of Christ like a star shining in the sky;
and like the Magi, we have come to worship.**

All: **Glory be to God and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light,
in whom God has been made known in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER

Deborah Barnard

We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in various ways, and that in Jesus your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to your word. We come eager to follow Jesus. We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ’s name. Amen.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

* HYMN

We Three Kings

HFG #206

**We three Kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and mountain following yonder star.**

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.*

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.**

(Refrain)

**Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising, worship Him, God on high.
(Refrain)**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)**

**Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia Alleluia! Sounds thru the earth and skies.
(Refrain)**

THE MESSAGE

Visit of the Three Magi

Neumann Family

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

Hymnal CDs

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

Chuck Wright

PASTORAL PRAYER

Chuck Wright

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

Arise Your Light Has Come

NCH #164

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; Show forth the glory of your
God which shines on you today!**

**Arise your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; Proclaim the captive's
liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise your light is come! All you in sorrow born, Bind up the broken hearted
ones and comfort all who mourn.**

**Arise your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the
wing; God's power will make us strong.**

*BENEDICTION

Chuck Wright

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

*SENDING FORTH

Go Tell it on the Mountain

NCH #154

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hill and everywhere.**

**Go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!**



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PANDEMIC GUIDELINES:

- To comply with Directive from the City and County of Denver masks must be worn in indoor public places
- Only one person in the bathroom at a time.
- Please wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
- Please respect that others' boundaries may be different from yours.

Salem UCC Denver COVID Task Force

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- After a three-week hiatus Bible Study is back - Zoom Meeting on Tues. at 10 am, please join us! Contact Lisa for Zoom link and information.
Tuesday word of the day.... Resolve!
- Community Meal Wed. at 6 pm. everyone invited, always looking for participation and volunteers.
- Romeo Coffee Club will meet at the Church this Wed at 9, all men are invited and encouraged to join our conversation!
- CE/Worship Committee is meeting on Monday at 7 pm on Zoom, contact Chuck Wright for meeting info.
- Sunday, Jan 16th we welcome Christ the King Anglican Church and Pastor Rev. Jesse Blaine who will be worshipping at 4:30 pm at Salem.
- The Rocky Mountain Conference will be continuing to gather your donations for the Marshall Fire victims. **Please ensure monies directed** toward the Boulder County recovery are earmarked "**Boulder County Wildfire 2021**" and sent to the Conference Office at 1140 W 5th, Denver, CO 80204.

WELCOME TO SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

Whether you are a guest or a member, thank you for worshipping with us.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Mon. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm CE/Worship Zoom
- Tues. **10:00 am Bible Study – Zoom**
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts
- Wed. 9:00 am Romeos Coffee Club
 9:30 am Art Class
 6:00 pm Community Meal
- Thurs **ELC Meeting**
- Fri. 9:30 am Art Class
- Sun. **9:30 am Worship**
 3:00 pm Christ the King (CTK)



SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 11-1



JANUARY MISSION

Pastors discretionary fund



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