

# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

PRELUDE

Isabella Ashton

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Rising of the Sun

Rev Joanne

\* OPENING HYMN

*Come, O Thankful People, Come*

NCH #422

UNISON PRAYER

Dustin Adkins

**O Divine Gift-Giver, We stand beneath the endless waterfall of your abundant gifts to us, and we thank you especially for the blessing of life, the most precious of all your gifts to us. We thank you for the many joys of our lives, for family and friends, for work that gives to us a sense of purpose and invests our lives with meaning. We thank you, ever generous One, for clothing to wear, for food and drink to nourish our bodies, for all the talents and skills that you have bestowed upon us. We thank you as well for the sufferings and trials of our lives which are also gifts, and which, together with our mistakes, are among our most important teachers. Grant that we may never greet a new day without the awareness of some gift for which to give you thanks. And may constant thanksgiving be our song of perpetual praise to you.**

Fr. Ed Hays “Prayers For a Planetary Pilgrim”

HEBREW LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:7-14a; 17-18

Dustin Adkins

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good God has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep God's commandments, God's

ordinances and statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God... Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is God who gives you power to get wealth, so that God may confirm the covenant that was sworn to your ancestors, as God is still doing today."

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

Dustin Adkins

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40 (The Great Commandment)

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When the Pharisees had heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

MESSAGE

*Around the Table*

Reverend Joanne Buchanan

OFFERTORY

Isabella Ashton

\*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 PASTORAL PRAYER

Dustin Adkins and Rev. Joanne

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>We Praise You, O God</i>	NCH #420
	VS. 1 ONLY	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Krissy Berry
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	NCH #419
*SENDING FORTH		Rev. Joanne
POSTLUDE		Isabella Ashton



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**Salem's November- December Calendar**

Saturday November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hanging of the Greens/Chili supper 2:00 pm-bring up greens 3:00 pm-decorate/crafts, 6:00 pm-Chili supper
Sunday November 27 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday of Advent
<b>Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Dustin Adkins leads service – Communion- Congregational questions for Dustin. <b>Congregational vote</b>
Saturday December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Caroling 1:00 pm
Sunday December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday of Advent - 11:00 am-1:30 pm Discernment
Sunday December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Skit
Saturday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve. service 4:00 pm
Sunday December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service <b>9:00-9:30 am</b> coffee/treats following
Sunday January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day Service <b>11:00 am</b> Potluck & Games after

Please sign up to bring items for Chili supper on November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Ministry is in need of candle liturgy volunteers for Advent Readers  
Christmas carolers- need to know who is interested in joining us on December 10<sup>th</sup>.