



# Salem Mennonite Church

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**January 1, 2023 – Sunday after Christmas**

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## **“He comes to us in all our distress”**

We live in the in-between: Christ has brought restoration, and the world still cries out to be restored. These two truths do not cancel each other out. Both are true at the same time.

### **Something to meditate on:**

Where do you see these two realities around you and within you?

## **I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- Or phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
- One-Tab Mobile (iPhone) +16699009128,,278905019#

### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: In crimson clothing you came,  
bringing the day of vengeance, the year of redemption.

**People: God has not forgotten you, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: O Lord, your compassion and kindness are for us,  
even in our distress.

**People: Even in suffering we remember your love.**

Leader: You have become fully human; you call us brothers and sisters.  
You, Lord, will gather your people again  
for the day of redemption.

All: Let our repentance give you glory.  
Let our praises give you joy, until you come again.

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Opening Hymn**

“It came upon a Midnight Clear” – HWB #195

### **Welcome & Greeting One Another**

## II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23; Hebrews 2:14-18

Sermon

"All Aboard for the Flight to Egypt"

Special Music

## III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

## IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

"Infant holy, infant lowly" – HWB #206

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

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**Greeters:** Peg Waltner and Monte Waltner; **Musicians:** Barb and Hannah Yoder (pianists); **Worship Leader:** Peggy Waltner; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Coffee:** Class #10

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

### TODAY

**We welcome all** who are worshiping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

### THIS WEEK

**Wed. (4<sup>th</sup>)** – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>
- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504    **Passcode:** prayer2020
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799    **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

**Thurs. (5<sup>th</sup>), 9:30 a.m.** – Early Bulletin Deadline

## **NEXT SUNDAY, January 8**

**Speaker:** Pastor Gene Miller; **Worship Leader:** Everett Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel; **Greeters:** Peg Waltner and Monte Waltner; **Coffee:** Class #10

**Worship offering** is for Salem Mennonite Home

**Sunday school offering** is for Camper Scholarships

**Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

## **COMING EVENTS**

**January 12** – Deacon Board Meeting

## **COMMUNITY AND BEYOND**

The December edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: find out why some disaster survivors may think it's absurd for MDS volunteers to help rebuild and restore; celebrate six home dedications in time for the holidays in Crisfield, MD; and get more details on how to register for the MDS annual celebration in Pennsylvania in February.

**Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3Whz2F8>

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship  
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday  
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553  
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one...

Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.

Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.

Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.

Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.

Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where men and His cause need me most and by making me zealous to be there and to help...

God, make my year a happy one.

— From Guideposts magazine

