

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Electronic Bulletin
12 High Street, Brookeville, MD
December 20, 2020
Service time: 9:30 A.M.
Online Live Worship: <https://SalemUMC.live>
Pastor: Rev. Emily Hart
Musician: Dr. Harry Dunstan

Welcome!

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Our Mission

The Mission of the people of Salem United Methodist Church
is to grow in Christian faith and express God's love to all.

Weekly Sign Language

Christmas
Hope
Peace
Love
Joy

Announcements

- **Bible study and Joys and Concerns time: ON HOLD** until January 6, 2021
 - Wednesday from 6:30–8:00 P.M.
 - January study: Luke Immersion. Contact Rev. Emily for a book.
- December 21, Blue Christmas, 7:30 P.M. Virtual meditation.
- December 24, Christmas Eve Worship all **ONLINE ONLY**. Watch on SalemUMC.live
 - 5:00 P.M. family service
 - 7:30 P.M. candlelight
 - All welcome to join in the parking lot at 8:45 P.M. to sing “Silent Night” with candles (distanced, masked)
- December 27 (the Sunday after Christmas) will be **ONLINE ONLY** with the Bishop and Cabinet again. Join on Zoom, or SalemUMC.live. No in-person service.

Worship

Preparing

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship with body prayer

Lighting Advent Candles

Song: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (UMH 218)

Proclaiming

Prayer for Understanding

Gospel: Luke 1: 57–80

Sermon: Break Through: Joy

Responding

Song: "O Come All Ye Faithful" (UMH 234)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Thank you for mailing in your offerings. Please continue to do so. If you haven't yet done so, please consider mailing your offerings to:

12 High St
Brookeville MD 20833

If you would like to give by app, please go to the Google Play store or the App Store (depending on your device) and download "Give Plus." Then search "churches near me," and Salem should pop up. You can do all your giving through this app!

If you have financial needs, please contact Rev. Emily. She will keep your need confidential and do all she can to assist you.

Offertory

Claiming

Song: "Joy to the World" (UMH 246)

Benediction

Luke 1:57–80 The Birth of John the Baptist

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. 60 But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” 61 They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” 62 Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. 63 He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. 65 Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. 66 All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
69 He has raised up a mighty savior[a] for us
in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us 74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
78 By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon[b] us,
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

80 The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.