

Saltillo Methodist Church
A Global Methodist Congregation

Tim Green and John Foster, Pastors
10:00 am Worship
December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Invocation and Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" page 245
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" page 244

The Apostles' Creed
Abiding in Christ, page 13

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Chris, Lacey, Madison, and Rozi Hall

Almighty God, as the Advent season begins, we cry out to you in hope because we live in a world of darkness and death. Loving God, remind us that our hope is in you. Wherever we find ourselves this season, be with us on this Advent journey. Amen.

NO AGLOW Kids - Families Worshiping Together

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves
"Doxology" page 815

Selected Music

Message from God's Word
"Advent's Call to Hope" - Mark 13:24-37, I Corinthians 1:3-9

Celebration of Holy Communion
Abiding in Christ, pages 2-6

Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table, regardless of church affiliation. The ushers will begin with the front row and work toward the back, coming down the center aisle. You may spend time at the altar or return to your pew after you are served. Please return to your pew by the outside aisles. [As you come to the altar, you may leave a monetary gift for the Good Shepherd Fund.]

Invitation
"Emmanuel" page 243

Benediction and Postlude

Ye are the Light of the World
Prayer List

Susan Ward, Josie Carr, Billy Irwin, Garrett Hill, Billy Graham, Bryson Welford, Jerry Goodner, Max and Frances Stephens, Phillip Izzard, Mike Mann, Bill McMurry, Mitzi Lansdell, Jackie McMurry, Eugene Whitehead, Charles Warren, Becky Walker

December Prayer Focus

The Prayer Focus for December is "**Peace.**" Our Scripture is **Luke 2:11, 13-14** "*For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ... And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!*"

Bus Driver for December

Mike Irwin is the bus driver & may be reached at 662-260-9878.

Newcomers and Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us today! For more information about our church you may call the church office at 662-869-2956 or visit www.saltillomethodist.org.

Opportunities for This Week and Beyond
Wednesday, December 6

- 6:00 pm - Children's Choir
- 6:30 pm - Bible Study for Adults & Youth, G-Zone for Children
- 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 7

- 6:30 pm - Community-wide Prayer Service at Saltillo City Hall

Saturday, December 9

- 8:30 am - Breakfast with Santa in the Family Life Center
- 10:00 am - Christmas caroling to Generations Assisted Living and Creekside Manor

Sunday, December 10

- 9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am - Ignite and Sanctuary Worship Services
- 5:00 pm - *A Thrill of Hope* Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm - Christmas Fellowship Meal in the Family Life Center - chicken and rolls will be provided, please bring side dishes and desserts

Sunday, December 17

- 9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am - Ignite and Sanctuary Worship Services
- 5:00 pm - *Just in Time for Christmas* Children's Musical in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24

- 9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am - Ignite and Sanctuary Worship Services
- 4:00-5:00 pm - Christmas Eve "Come and Go" Communion in Sanctuary