# The Congregational Church of Salisbury UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**PRELUDE** 

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

**CRANHAM** 

#### **WELCOME**

★ HYMN #144 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

(★ The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Hymnal, p. 35

#### **OFFERTORY**

ONE: God has poured gifts into our lives; we now return our tithes and offerings.

ALL: Let us gather our gifts with grateful praise, and offer them to God's purposes.

#### **RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS**

Our church welcomes every size gift, and thanks you for your generosity.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist

J.S. Bach

♥ Doxology OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; One God of grace, whom we adore! Amen.

#### **▼ Unison Prayer of Dedication**

By these gifts, Gracious God, may those who have little be clothed with your abundant grace; may the hungry be fed with food that strengthens them and hope which gives them new life; may all who are searching discover that they are your beloved children. In Jesus' name we pray: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

Old Testament, p.

#### **ANCIENT AND MODERN TESTIMONY:**

Thoughts for Young and Older Minds on How God's Children Should Now Live

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

➡ HYMN #141 "On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

PERSONENT HODIE

#### **BENEDICTION** and **SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Vom Himmel Hoch, da komm' ich her

**Pachelbel** 



Gathered in 1744, the Congregational Church of Salisbury is an Open and Affirming member of the United Church of Christ. It is also a welcoming home to people from a great variety of church backgrounds and life experiences. Your presence is a gift to us! We hope you will feel God's Spirit here today through our worship and fellowship.

We seek to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds and love our neighbors as ourselves. This Church is **Open** to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment regardless of race, ancestry, class, gender identity, physical and mental ability or sexual orientation. We **Affirm** each individual as a child of God, celebrating the total identity of each person.

As an **Open and Affirming** Congregation, we commit to work toward ending ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice, and discrimination against any person.

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

If you are visiting us, Welcome! Please sign our guest book and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of the Deacons. Fill out a welcome card in the pew to join our email list. Assistive Listening Devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance.

Kindly set phones to silent (unless you're expecting a call from Jesus).

# **Today's Worship Leaders**

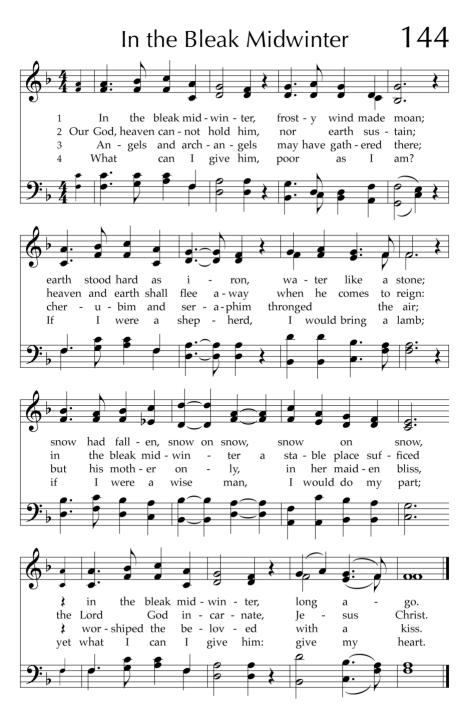
Today's worship service is planned and led by members of the Board of Deacons

Ushers: Sharon Tingley, Janet Kaufman Deacon: Patricia Palmer

Flowers have been placed in the Meeting House to the glory of God, by Janet Offensend

Today's liturgy is adapted and reprinted from Lectionary Liturgies by the Rev. Thom Shuman © 2022 (lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com); used by permission.

Psalm adapted from The Psalms in Worship, Mary Susan Gast, © 2002; used by permission.



Though this text describes winter weather in England rather than in Palestine, the poet is using familiar surroundings as a means of making the Nativity more immediate and personal. The tune name honors a Gloucestershire village near the composer's birthplace in Cheltenham.





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Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

id - e

Although this Latin carol for Christmas may have roots several centuries older than its 16th-century emergence, the text was all in one language until its 20th-century translator chose to adopt the original last two lines of the fourth stanza as a unifying refrain in all stanzas.

De - 0!

<sup>\*</sup>Therefore, glory to God in the highest.

## **Our Ministry Team**

Ministers: All Participants in the Life of the Congregation

### Worship & Music

Music Director: David Baranowski Bell Choir Director: Mary Davidson

Cantor: Jennifer Oberto

#### **Faith Formation**

**Sunday School Coordinator:** 

Holly Tierney

**Sunday School Assistant:** 

lennifer Kronholm-Clark

#### Holding the Parts Together

Administrative Assistant: Loriann Chevremont

Sexton: Richard Tietjen

Stewardship & Database Mgr: Kelly Rybczyk

Church Officers: Betsy Beck, moderator;

Jennifer Weigel, treasurer; Jennifer Oberto, clerk

Pastor and Teacher: The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

# This Week at Salisbury UCC

#### SUNDAY, I JANUARY

10AM Worship

followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall

# WEDNESDAY, 4 JANUARY 12:30PM Staff Meeting

4PM Women's Bible Study

#### MONDAY, 2 JANUARY

New Year's observance; church offices closed 11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

#### **THURSDAY, 5 JANUARY**

4PM Board of Christian Action meeting

7PM Choir Rehearsal

#### **TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY**

10AM Tai Chi class

4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom) 5:15PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

#### FRIDAY, 6 JANUARY

8:45AM Men's Bible Study

12noon Meetinghouse Music & Meditation



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