

HYMN	240 Red Hymnal
<b>“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”</b> verses 1,2,3	
OFFERING SENTENCES	Liturgist
<i>All that we have is the Lord's. All that we may become and receive is in God's hands. For the sake of the joy that is ours when our bonds grow deep with others, let us give generously for the well-being of the world.</i>	
OFFERTORY	Carol Kirchmer
<b>“The Birthday of a King”</b> Words & Music by William H. Niedlinger	
*OFFERING SONG	94 Red Hymnal
<b>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</b>	
*OFFERING PRAYER	Pastor Ron Kite
HYMN	249 Red Hymnal
<b>“There’s a Song in the Air”</b> verses 1,2	
SCRIPTURE	John 1:6-14,16 (TLB) Liturgist
<b>Leader:</b> <i>This is the Word of God for the People of God.</i>	
<b>People:</b> <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
HYMN	242 Red Hymnal
<b>“Love Came Down at Christmas”</b> verses 1,2,3	
MESSAGE	Pastor Ron Kite
<b>“God Sent Jesus Out of God’s Love”</b>	
*CLOSING HYMN	246 Red Hymnal
<b>“Joy to the World”</b> verses 1,2,3,4	
*BENEDICTION	Pastor Ron Kite
*POSTLUDE	Carol Kirchmer
<b>“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”</b> Words translated by John Mason Neale Music is Old German Carol	

# Salem at Worship

## Sunday, December 25, 2016



9:00 am Sunday School  
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10:00 am Worship Service  
(316) 283-3620  
115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114

*If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family by talking with Pastor Ron at the church office, 283-3620.*

## God's People Gather

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*(Please be sure to sign the attendance registration)*

*(Prayer cards are in attendance pad, you may fill out and place in the offering plate)*

WELCOME Liturgist

\*GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ron Kite

PRELUDE Carol Kirchmer

### **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Old French Carol, Arr. by Tedd Smith

\*CALL TO WORSHIP 234 Red Hymnal

### **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

verses 1,3,6

\*OPENING PRAYER (based on Titus 2 ) Liturgist

*Grace of God, you have brought salvation to all, by the giving of yourself. In your sacrifice of love, you have redeemed us. May we live lives that glorify you, as we celebrate your birth into this world. Amen.*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 230 Red Hymnal

### **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

verses 1,3,4

AFFIRMATION FOR CHRISTMAS

All: ***I believe in Christmas, I believe that God sends light into the dark corners of our lives. That in the lonely and cold moments, God comes with a message of good news.***

Women: *I believe that God's good news sweeps away all of the world's bad news like a broom sweeps away dust.*

Men: **God brings hope in the midst of despair.**

Women: *God brings healing in the midst of illness.*

Men: **God brings peace in the midst of strife and solace to the mourning.**

Women: *God brings power to the weak.*

Men: **God brings companionship to the lonely and family to the forgotten.**

Women: *God brings justice for the oppressed and liberty for the captive.*

Men: **Most of all, God brings new life in the midst of death.**

Women: *I believe in Christmas. I believe that God continues to work in my life today through this story of Christ's birth so long ago.*

Men: ***I am a shepherd, startled to hear the good news of the angels, but eager to go and see for myself.***

Women: *I am Mary, aware that somehow God is using me to accomplish things too big to imagine.*

Men: ***I am Joseph, not understanding fully that which God calls me to do, but following as faithfully as I can.***

Women: *I am the innkeeper, busy and frazzled, but making some room, somehow, for God to be born.*

Men: ***I am the Wiseman, on a journey of discovery, bearing my gift to be given to glorify God.***

Women: *And yes, I am the angel, proclaiming in my own life, the glorious good news that God has come into the world and we shall never be the same.*

All: ***I believe in Christmas and with my life, today and throughout the year to come, I will proclaim that Christ is born, that Christmas is here, that God is with us! Amen.***

\*GLORIA PATRI 70 Red Hymnal

### **"Glory Be to the Father"**

JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Ron Kite

PRAYER HYMN 217 Red Hymnal

### **"Away in a Manger"**

verses 1,2,3

PASTOR'S PRAYER Pastor Ron Kite

LORD'S PRAYER Unison

**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 trespasses; as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 218 Red Hymnal

### **"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"**

verses 1,4

CHILDREN'S TIME Erica Rickard

### **"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**