

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873
December 23, 2018



4th Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

A Service of Sight and Sound

*The color blue is used to denote the peaceful nature
of the heavenly kingdom.*

Prelude

Procession with Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Hour

***The Lighting of Advent** The Mullins Family

Family: Holy light come to be with us this day, stir in us a
longing for newness of life

**People: Let us hear of the days of getting ready, the days
before the day of arrival. May we hear of
expectation that we may prepare ourselves.**

Family: In these four candles may we see movement towards
a thing not yet accomplished. May we see an
advancing of a course of action.

**People: May we know what has come before, experience
what is at this moment and hope for what is yet to
be. With the coming of this light may we lean into
the light with our very beings.**

Family: Come holy light, come! Light our way, light our lives,
be the light of our living.

People: Amen and amen.

***Call to Worship, 2090** *Advent Song*

Light the Advent candle, four: Think of joy forevermore; Christ
Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn.

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas
light.

*(As the call to worship is sung the family will light the appropriate
candles for the day and then take their seat.)*

Concerns of the Church

Pastoral Prayer with **Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn, 230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card
and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn.*

***Affirmation of Faith, 199** *Canticle of Mary*

***Gloria Patri, 70**

Offertory

*God does not call to us of burnt offerings or sin offerings. Rather
God calls us to do his holy will. So we bring the offering of our
lives and our labors.*

***Doxology, 95**

The Children's Sermon

*We invite children ages 3-7. Children can be picked up after worship
service in the bride's room located off the Welcome Center.*

***Hymn, 250**

Once in Royal David's City

Prayer for Illumination

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and feeds the hungry,
**By your Holy Spirit let your Word leap up in us this day that
we may know the joy of new beginnings and renewed lives.
Amen**

The Old Testament Reading

Mica 5:2–5a

Choral Anthem

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

***The Gospel Reading**

Luke 1:39–55

Sermon

“The Least of These”

***Hymn, 246**

Joy to the World

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

***Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

***Postlude** (A Time of Greeting and Fellowship)

**Indicates that the Congregation stands. If standing is
uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your
participation. **Bold Titles** indicate Congregation Participation.*

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1–6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3:1–12, Matthew 2:1–12

A Welcome to our Guests!

*We are honored that you are worshiping with us. Please
complete the "red book" registration to record your presence.
Also, please introduce yourself to those around you and visit our
Welcome Center. We have a welcome gift for our first time
guests in the welcome center. Please stop by the desk at the
close of the worship service. We hope you will return to join us
again in Worship!*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday schedule, the Stewardship Report for December 23, 24 & 30, 2018 will appear in the January 6, 2019 bulletin.

Week of December 16, 2018

Attendance

Worship 271 Sunday School 121

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Carroll Campbell Place— Ruth Martin

Encompass (Health South) — Ira Parnell

Pruitt Health — Ed Brower

Springfield Place — Doris Monts

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

White Oak Manor — Emily Manley

Wellmore (Lexington) — Mavis George

Homebound — Linda Carder, Betty Jaco

Special Prayers — Debra Ailes, Jim Bagwell,
Jack Cullipher, Tommy Helms, Jennifer Hodges,

Sam Miller, Gwen Parnell, Judy Wrenn

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Carey Page Scott Butler, Ron Joye, Braxton Overton, Bill Sills
Greeters:	Debra Ailes, Sandra Sills
Trustee:	Randy Hilliard
Acolytes:	Elyse Flores, Michael Smith
Children's Church:	Tina Overton
Nursery:	Millie Fore, Carson Royster

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Scott Antoinette** and family upon the death of his father, **John L. "Tony" Antoinette**.

Christmas Eve Service

A Service of Communion and Candle Lighting
will be **Monday, December 24 at 5:30 and at 7:00 PM.**
The Nursery will be available during our 5:30 service only.

2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome Center. Cost is \$75 for two arrangements and is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone special. The arrangements are yours to take following the service. Please help support the church in this meaningful manner.

Kids Club Location Change!!!

Beginning on Sunday, December 30, Kids Club will begin **meeting in the downstairs children's area**. You will be asked to pull around to the back of the church near the Cemetery and the downstairs outer doors will be opened. This is also where children may be picked up. This will allow for a safer and more controlled drop off and pick up process. There will be signs pointing you where to go. We can't wait to see everyone again on Sunday, December 30 at 5:00p.m.

There will be no Kids Club or Youth this Sunday.

College Students

An email invitation has gone out to our college students welcoming them to a lunch together at Tonelli's Pizza in Ballantine on **Thursday, Jan. 3** at noon. We will gather in the backroom. Please invite any one that has not heard. If possible let Pastor Gary know if you are able to join in.

OASIS January Event

Soup and movies are the perfect combination for the cold winter months, so join us on **Tuesday, Jan 15th** at the church. Our Oasis group will host a soup luncheon followed by an afternoon movie matinee. The movie showing will be "I can Only Imagine." If you have not seen this movie, now is your chance. Our lunch will begin at 11:30, and we will follow with the movie in the sanctuary. RSVP by Wednesday, January 9, and let us know that you're coming so we can properly prepare. We hope to hear from you!

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

For any ladies that just want to get together for fellowship time over lunch, we will meet at **12:00 Monday, December 31, at Doza Rizen** 107-A Virginia St., Chapin.

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs: jelly, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, winter clothing for children.

Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a cart is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. 161 items were carried to SGL on December 6th.

Committee & Circles Chairpersons

The church office is in the process of updating the church calendar for recurring meetings. These dates provided will be shown in the bulletins in our weekly schedules. Please e-mail the church office at smethodist@aol.com with your scheduled dates and times. You may also drop the lists off at the church office or call the church office at 781-1626.



Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

William Anderson by Cindy Bollinger
Calvin & Carolyn Koon by Cindy Bollinger
Richard A. Mitchell by Tina M. Burger
Mrs. Doris W. Benson by Nancy Benson Chambers
Anne P. Collins by Joel & Rhonda Collins
Joel W. Collins, Sr. by Joel & Rhonda Collins
Robert V. Phillips by Joel & Rhonda Collins
Betty W. Davis by John G., Jim Davis & Eleanor Mahnken
Fred and Virginia Denton by Rick & Cheryl Denton
Carl Dionisio by Rick & Cheryl Denton
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Koon by Mavis K. George
Mrs. Ernestine Dekle by John & Linda Gibbons
Mrs. Mary B. Gibbons by John & Linda Gibbons
Michael Switzer by Dennis & Rebecca Gobble
Martha Kuenzli by Bob & Mindy Kuenzli
Louise O'Sheal Younginer by Don & Miriam Lovett
Jane Desso by Greg & Trish Mayer
Mahlon Desso by Greg & Trish Mayer
Richard Mitchell by Jonnie Mitchell
Margie P. Morgan by Van Morgan
William Anderson by Bill & Sandra Sills
Our Parents by Bill & Sandra Sills
Our Grandparents by Bill & Sandra Sills
Parker & Haley Hewitt by Bill & Sandra Sills
Shirley Saladino by Jackie Smith
Nancy Spence by Jenny Stalvey

In Love and Honor of:

Clare Anderson by Cindy Bollinger
Mavis George by Cindy Bollinger
Ralph T. Peake by Tina M. Burger
Mrs. Mavis K. George by Nancy B. Chambers
"Cindy" & Danny Bollinger by Mavis K. George
Sylvia Echegaray by Scott & Maya Hoffman
Mark & Blakeley Payne by Scott & Maya Hoffman
Tommy & Allison McLendon by Jon Wiley Jeffcoat
Zeb Morgan III by Van Morgan
The Berube Family by Bill & Sandra Sills
Jimmy & Brenda Dye by Bill & Sandra Sills
The Wingard Family by Bill & Sandra Sills
Doris W. Monts by the Stutts Family
Lori & Preston Wrenn by Judy Wrenn

Building Fund Donations Given

In Loving Memory of:

John Thomas Walker III by Will, Heather & Walker Bowers
Bryan Cameron by Becky Cameron
Jay & Mabel Hicks by Becky Cameron
Jay James by Becky Cameron



Calvin & Carolyn Koon by Kerry Glasser
Matthew & Eula Koon by Kerry Glasser
Christopher Mark Jones by Bill & Evelyn Jones
Mrs. Lucy Virginia Kvaternik Jones by Bill & Evelyn Jones
Vernon Kathleen “Kay” Salley Jones by Bill & Evelyn Jones
Mrs. William Copeland Jones, Sr. by Bill & Evelyn Jones
Dr. George McSwain Smith by Bill & Evelyn Jones
Mrs. Leon Evelyn Morgan Smith by Bill & Evelyn Jones
Dudley Ray Williams by Bill & Evelyn Jones
Will & Nellie Joye by Ron & Deborah Joye
Brady Weed, Sr. by Ron & Deborah Joye
Carl & Margie Weed by Ron & Deborah Joye
Tally & Pearl Weed by Ron & Deborah Joye
Rev. & Mrs. John Foster by Nancy Kyre
Mr. & Mrs. Galen Kyre by Nancy Kyre
Eula Mathias O'Sheal by Don & Miriam Lovett
Betty Crandell by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis
Betty W. Davis by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis
George & Evelyn Hundt by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis
Fred & Helen Kraics by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis
Carlisle Metts by Warren & Johnnie Metts
J. E. Metts by Warren & Johnnie Metts
Leah Metts by Warren & Johnnie Metts
Ruth C. Metts by Warren & Johnnie Metts
June Thomas by Larry & June Salters
Billie Ruth Eubanks by Bill & Sandra Sills
Phyllis S. King by Bill & Sandra Sills
Stephen M. Lynch by Bill & Sandra Sills
Betty Wright Davis by Bill & Sandra Sills
Michael Runge by Mary George & Steve Smith
Diane M. Coker by the Stuttts Family

In Love and Honor of:

David W. Bowers by Will, Heather & Walker Bowers
Deena D. Bowers by Will, Heather & Walker Bowers
Anne G. Walker by Will, Heather & Walker Bowers
Mavis George by Kerry Glasser
Matthew & Krissy Koon Stack by Kerry Glasser
Love Circle Ladies by Deborah Joye
Dolly Kent by Deborah Joye
Mavis George by Ron & Deborah Joye
Carla & Dan Jennings Family by Ron & Deborah Joye
Emily, Furman & Bazen Lovett by Ron & Deborah Joye
Anita Weed by Ron & Deborah Joye
Mary McDavid by Bob & Mindy Kuenzli
John G. Davis by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis
Betty H. Young by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis
Ella Grace Magee by Warren & Johnnie Metts
Madison Sofia Magee by Warren & Johnnie Metts
Melissa & Aaron Magee by Warren & Johnnie Metts
Tammy & Mike Szucs by Warren & Johnnie Metts
Zeb, Abby & Henry Morgan by Mom & Dad

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, December 23
9:30 A.M. Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Advent Bible Study
Monday, December 24
5:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
7:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 25
Merry Christmas!
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting
Wednesday, December 26
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday, December 27
9:30 A.M – 1:00 P.M. Business Office Open
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting
Saturday, December 29
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

***The Church office will be closed for Christmas
Dec. 24, through Jan. 1.***
***On Dec. 27th and 31st the finance office will be open from
9:30-1:00 on these 2 days only.***

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Gary Phillips — Pastor
Sarah Bridges — Director of Music
Marissa Hill — Communications Coordinator
Beth Chastie — Business/Finance Manager
Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist
Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
Paul Perry — Seminarian Intern
Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant