

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873  
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## Being Reconciled with God: A Lenten Perspective II Corinth. 5: 20

John 12:1–8	<i>April 7</i> Giving expression to a Hollow Empathy
Luke 22:14–56	<i>April 14</i> Living out of a mob mentality
John 13:1–35	<i>April 18 (Maundy Thursday)</i> True servanthood modeled

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

### A Service of Word and Table

*The color purple is used to denote sorrow over our separation from God*

#### Prelude

#### The Invitatory

O Lord, open wide our lips and our mouths shall sing out your praise. Amen and Amen. O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise! O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For the Lord is our God, we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand. Hear the voice of the Lord today! Do not harden your hearts or be drawn away by false idols. Do not test the Lord or put God to the proof. Be earnest in your devotion and constant in your praise.

#### Procession with Lighting of the Candles

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### \*Choral Call to Worship

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

#### \*Greeting and Opening Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

#### And also with you

The risen Christ is with us.

#### Praise the Lord!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### \*Hymn, 189

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*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.*

#### A Moment with the Children

#### Choral Anthem

*My Wordless Prayer*

#### Prayer for Illumination

Let your Word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills our lives,

**Then, anointed with your Word, send us out to share the good news we have received. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading, 638

Isaiah 43:18–21

Epistle Reading, 186(NT)

Philippians 3:4b–11

\*Gospel Reading, 100

John 12:1–8

Homily

“Giving Expression to Hollow Empathy”

#### Invitation with Confession & Absolution

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, we do not ask for as much as God intends for us. God is not content to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God intends to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sin and seek new life offered in Jesus Christ.

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in our world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control all things, we hoard the gifts that you have given to us. Help us to bend our lives toward devotion to the ways of your will and way. Fill us, our lives, our churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all is made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

We are reminded that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. The old life has passed away – New life has begun!

#### Offertory

#### \*Doxology, 95

#### The Great Thanksgiving with Lord's Prayer, Pg. 13

The Breaking of the Bread

\*Sharing of the Bread and Cup

#### Prayer after Receiving (in Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*Hymn, 298

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*During the singing of the final hymn you are invited to the chancel rail to share your prayers.*

#### \*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.**

## STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

### Week of March 31, 2019

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$13,746.61

Unified budget received \$12,659.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$178,705.93

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$145,966.50

### Attendance

Worship 202 Sunday School 105

## PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

**Brookdale Assisted Living** — Mavis George

**Generations (Chapin)** — Gwen Parnell & Ira Parnell

**Lowman Home** — Betty Jaco

**Pruitt Health** — Ed Brower

**Springfield Place** — Doris Monts

**Tyborne UCP** — Jessica Gore

**White Oak Manor** — Emily Manley

**Homebound** — Linda Carder, Leroy Gibson

**Special Prayers** — Donald Grooms, Dale Jenkins,

Barbara Pereira, Judy Wrenn

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

<b>Ushers:</b>	Lead – David Thomas Julie Hilliard, Randy Hilliard, John Hood, Ben Rainey, David Schmidt
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jody & Regina Young Callie Dunn
<b>Trustee:</b>	Terry Snider
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Thomas Brewton, Ella Hodges
<b>Nursery:</b>	Brittany Mullins, Julia Rose Hood

## *Flower Ministry*

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary by Bill and Sandra Sills.

## Easter Service

**April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 & 10:30**

We are having 2 services for Easter. We encourage everyone to attend and please bring your family and friends to worship with us.

### Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 50:4–9, Psalm 31 & 118, Philippians 2:5–11,  
Luke 22:14–23:49

## Attention Parents of All Children

As you know, Palm Sunday is next Sunday. All children are encouraged to participate in our “Parade of Palms” on this special day in the life of the church. If at all possible, please have your child here for Sunday School to practice. If this isn’t possible, they will still be able to participate. Also, on Easter Sunday the children will be decorating the cross during the Sunday School hour. The children are welcome to bring flowers if they would like. We look forward to the children being a part of both special occasions.

## NURSERY RENOVATION

*Our nursery area is getting a new look, and we are so excited!*  
The Anderson family is spearheading this endeavor and Salem is ever so thankful for their role in this ministry. As of last Sunday, our nursery has been temporarily relocated to the Friendship classroom located immediately across the hall. (Special thanks to this class for sacrificing their space in order for this to happen. During this time the Friendship class will be meeting in the conference room in the administrative portion of the building.)

We are looking forward to seeing the results of this labor soon, but ask for your patience as we move forward on the renovation in the coming weeks.

## Summer Adventure Day

Join us for a fun and exciting time kayaking on the **Green River and zip lining the Gorge on Tuesday, July 16**. The cost is \$150 and includes both activities, lunch and transportation. Dinner and extras are on each person going. There is a \$75 deposit that is due Sunday, May 5. There are only 8 spots left, so sign up early.

## *Youth*

There will be no Youth Group for April 14 & 21 due to foreign mission trip and spring break. After that there will be 2 left for the school year.

## Ladies’ Lunch Bunch

The Salem ladies will be meeting together for fellowship time over lunch. We will meet at **12 pm Monday, April 29**, at El Poblano in Chapin. All ladies are welcome!

## OASIS –“Don’t Bug Me” planting event!

Join us on Tuesday, April 16 at 11:30 as we gather to prepare plant containers for delivery to shut-ins. We will not only share in this fun activity for a worthwhile cause, but also be treated by **Mikki Kaminer**, general manager at Woodley’s Garden Center who will share gardening tips and ideas with the group. Bring your spade and gardening gloves as well as a sandwich to enjoy for lunch. We will provide chips, dessert and tea. We look forward to seeing you!

## Precept Study Extended

Our current Precept Bible Study will wrap up April 9, and then we will be conducting a short five-week study on **Titus** and **Jonah**. We would love for you to join us! We meet on **Tuesdays at 9 am**. For more information, call Dolly Kent at 240-2831 or e-mail her at [DHKent12@aol.com](mailto:DHKent12@aol.com).

## *UMW Bible Study*

All ladies are invited to the UMW Bible Study on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. It will be held in the Seekers Sunday School classroom with Dolly Kent as the lesson leader. Her study is entitled “*I Can’t Believe I Said That*”. No food will be served, but feel free to bring your own snack and drink if you would like. We look forward to having you join us as we strive to learn more about God’s Word.

## Sound Booth Training

Are you interested in learning how to operate the Sound System in the Sanctuary? If you are and would like to be trained and added to the schedule during the year, please contact Jim Magann at the church (781-1626). There will also be a training session on **Sunday, May 19** at 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar

Human Trafficking is becoming one of the biggest dangers of our society today, and it is happening right here in our own backyard. Make plans to join us on **Sunday, May 19**, at 5:00 with Lighthouse For Life for a seminar helping raise awareness of this situation as well as what we can do to help stop it. This is open to everyone. This organization recently spoke at Methodist Men, and due to high volumes of requests, we are bringing them back for the whole church and community.

## Here's your chance- Ark Encounter!

Salem is partnering with Dutch Fork Baptist (located right up the street) on an Ark Encounter trip. The date for the trip is **May 8-11, 2019**. *There are still a few seats available for this trip.* The cost is \$450 per person and includes hotel, breakfast, transportation, dinner cruise, as well as admission to the Ark, Creation Museum and the Newport Aquarium. If you are interested in the trip, a \$200 deposit is required as soon as possible. **Spots will be filled on a first come basis.** Flyers regarding the trip are located in the Welcome Center and Narthex as well as in the church office. While all arrangements are being handled by Dutch Fork Baptist, we would like to maintain a record of all Salem individuals that sign up. If you sign up for the trip, please notify the church office, Dolly Kent or Tina Overton.

## Church on the Lake

Church on the Lake will be starting up on **June 9** through August 18. This informal service goes from 8:30 - 9:15 at Woodmen of the World, 2000 Johnson Marina Rd., Chapin. Come at 8:15 for coffee and snacks. *If you would be interested in helping set up and break down each week or want to help in other areas please contact Phillip Fore at 920-9657.*

## Sharing God's Love

**Our current needs are jelly, tea bags, canned or boxed potatoes, canned tuna, salmon, chicken, baked beans, chili, canned fruit, mac & cheese, baby wipes and children's clothing:** *Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a cart is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.*

*72 items were carried to SGL on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*A special thank you to all the Sunday School Classes and anyone else that donated to the SGL cart.*

## 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!*

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, April 7

9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided  
10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Kid's Club  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Group Meeting  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Lenten Bible Study

### Tuesday, April 9

9:00 A.M. . . . . Precept Bible Study  
6:30 P.M. . . . . Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 P.M. . . . . Church Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Wednesday, April 10

7:00 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice

### Thursday April 11

6:30 P.M. . . . . Women's Bible Study  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Saturday, April 13

7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

## 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

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Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist  
Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries  
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries  
Paul Perry — Seminarian Intern  
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