Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873
February 2, 2020

4th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2020
A Service of Word and Table

The color white is used to denote the purity of the Christ.

PRELUDE

PROCESSION WITH LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP 2129** vs.1 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back.

***THE OPENING CALL** **Faith Magann**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you
The risen Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!
What does the Lord require of us? Only this:
That we do justice, that we love kindness, and that we walk humbly along with God.

***HYMN 451** *Be Thou My Vision*
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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM *Shephard of My Life*

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** **Pierce Rhodes**
Holy God, your blessings are great indeed and your wisdom is far greater than ours.
Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your Word this day; that we may live as grace seekers and peacemakers. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Micha 6:1–8 **Burns Swindler**

*THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-11 **Lily Cole**

HOMILY "What Are We Looking Toward?"

INVITATION WITH CONFESSION & PARDON, Pg. 12

OFFERTORY
With what shall we come before the Lord? Let us walk humbly with gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God has freely shared with us, gifts for the healing of the world.

***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. In it we find hope for ourselves and for all the world. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to offer hope to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 2126** *All Who Hunger*
During the singing of the final hymn you are invited to the chancel rail to share your prayers.

*BENEDICTION **Thomas Brewton**
May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit. May that peace be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amen, Amen, Amen*

*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 58:1–12, Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 12:1–16, Matthew 5:13–20

A Welcome to our Guests!

We are honored that you are worshipping with us today. We encourage you to complete the "red book" registration located in the pew to record your presence. Feel free to introduce yourself to those around you and visit our Welcome Center. We have a welcome gift for all first time guests. Please consult with a greeter on your way out from service today or drop by the Welcome Center station to retrieve your gift. Should you have need for a hearing aid or a large print hymnal, please check with an usher and they will be happy to attend to your need. We hope you will return to join us again in Worship!

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of January 26, 2020

Needed each week to fund unified budget $14,088.99
Unified budget received $8,044.00
Needed to meet budget year to date (Incldg. bldg. fund) $56,355.96
Unified budget received year to date (Incldg. bldg. fund) $39,529.40

Attendance

Worship 217 Sunday School 91

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale Assisted Living — Mavis George
Encompass Health Rehab — Anita Weed
Lexington Extended Care — Gloria Gordon
Pruitt Health — Ed Brower
Springfield Place — Doris Monts
Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore
White Oak Manor — Emily Manley
Homebound — Luther Chandler, Leroy Gibson, Betty Jaco, Ray Keith
Special Prayers — Carolyn Brower, Fred Cole, Jeff Denton, Carol Doty, Sandra Hinson, Dale Jenkins, Juanita Kelley, Jessica Mack, Quinton Meetze, Voncille Meetze
Prisma Health Children's Hospital — Molly Kate Shealy

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Keith Corley
	Will Bowers, Walker Bowers,
	Inez Hyatt, Jon Jeffcoat, Steven Page
Nursery:	Martina Thomas, Julia Rose Hood
Greeters:	Sandra Sills, Regina & Jody Young
Acolyte:	Clare Anderson
Trustee:	Randy Hilliard

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today
are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Sandra Sills.

"SOUPER" Bowl Sunday

Today is the Annual "SOUPER" Bowl day of caring. This is the day that youth will be standing outside of each door of the sanctuary collecting any loose change or dollar bills to go to a local organization that assists in feeding people.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

For any ladies that just want to get together for fellowship time over lunch, we will meet on Monday, **February 24, at Peanut Man Cafe at 11:30.**

Children

Children are a vital part of the life of Salem and the church in general. We desire to engage children so that they feel ownership and involvement in the worship experience and hopefully become more equipped to participate as adults in the years ahead. Taking this into consideration, our children will be participating in various parts of worship during the month of February. If you have a child of reading level and he/she has NOT already been contacted to participate, please notify Tina Overton or Gary so that we may allow them this opportunity.

Youth Spring Retreat

We are starting the sign ups for the Youth Spring Retreat. The dates are **May 1-3, 2020**. We will be going to Bonclarken Retreat Center and spend the weekend drawing closer to God so we can start stepping boldly for God. We will also have fun at the Green River Adventures with ziplines, kayaking, waterfall treks and much more. The total trip cost will be $200 and includes 4 meals, rooms, activities and more. A $50 deposit is needed to hold your spot and all money is due Sunday, April 5. Youth will receive more detailed information at Sunday School and Youth group. More info will also be emailed to parents beginning this week.

OASIS NEWS

Deputy Shawn Powers from the Richland County Sheriff's Dept. will be our guest speaker for our next event at the church on **February 18** at 11:30. Deputy Powers will be providing us with some useful tips regarding fraud and security and the importance of being aware of your surroundings. We will enjoy a catered meal of lasagna, BBQ chicken, squash casserole, green beans, salad and dessert. Your cost for the meal will be $6. Please be sure to RSVP for this event by February 12 so that we may have an accurate count. We look forward to seeing you!

Methodist Men Breakfast - February 16, 2020

We invite all men, as well as others wishing to attend, to our Monthly Breakfast on **Sunday, Feb 16**. We will eat at 8:00 and begin the program at 8:30. This month we welcome the Hilinski Family with Hilinski's Hope. They will be sharing their story as well as what they are doing now. We have had several people express a desire to attend this meeting and the Men welcome everyone to join us. **However, the Men AND Hilinski's have asked that we get a count of how many to expect. Please contact the church office by NO LATER than Tuesday, Feb. 11** if you plan to join us so that we can properly prepare. Breakfast is a donation to food cost charge so share as you feel led.

Mission of the Month

The February Mission of the Month will focus on **Sharing God's Love.** It will begin with the Souper Bowl collection on Feb 2. The remainder of the Month we will be collecting items needed for Sharing Gods Love that are printed in your bulletin. These items may be dropped off in the baskets outside of the Fellowship Hall through the end of the month.

Keepin' It Real Ministries

The Missions Committee has committed to serving meals for *Keepin' It Real Ministries* (serving meals to the homeless) in Finlay Park today. Meet at 3 at the back door at the if you would like to volunteer to help serve the meal. If interested, please contact Tommy McLendon at 530-4398.

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs: spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned beans, canned fruit and canned soup.

Sharing God's Love greatly appreciates your assistance in our ministry. With your support we are able to assist with the needs in our community.

Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a basket is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

164 items** were carried to SGL on **December 19th.

Gathering Grounds

Coffee.
Connections.
Encouragement.
Information.

That's what you'll get at our **Gathering Grounds**. **All adults are invited to participate in this time of fellowship on February 23rd at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall**—during our Sunday school time.

Come enjoy a good cup of joe, meet people you don't know, chat with those you do know and gather information about how others view the identity of God.

If you are not currently involved in adult Sunday school, this is a great way to explore options available at Salem.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, February 2
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided
10:30 A.M. . . . . .Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. . . . . **NO** Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. . . . . **NO** Youth Small Groups
Monday, February 3
10:00 A.M. . . . . .Love Circle @ Church
11:00 A.M. . . . . Cavin Circle @ Church
6:30 P.M. . . . . .Faith Circle @ Church
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
Tuesday, February 4
9:00 A.M. . . . . .Precept Bible Study
Wednesday, February 5
10:00 A.M. . . . . Joy Circle @ Church
7:00 P.M. . . . . .Choir Practice
Thursday, February 6
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
Saturday, February 8
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
Sunday, February 9
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided
10:30 A.M. . . . . .Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. . . . . .Children's Ministries Meeting
5:00 P.M. . . . . Kids' Club
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5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Small Groups

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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Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries
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