Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873
February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday
February 23, 2020
A Service of Word
The color white is used to denote the purity of the revealed 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 PRAISE** **Clare Anderson**
The Holy One is our sovereign. Let us praise God's great and holy name!
Mighty ruler, lover of justice, you have established fairness among us.
God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory.
Give us, we pray, the gift of faith that we may hear your voice for ourselves.
Give us, we pray, the gift of faith that we may see Jesus revealed to us for ourselves.
Give us, we pray, the gift of faith that we may stand without fear. Amen and amen.

***HYMN 173** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*
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.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS 38

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH **LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERTORY
"Our God has revealed to us a law and a love that leads us into becoming Sons and Daughters. Let us, as holy children, gratefully give from that which has been given to us, our lives, our talents and our possessions."

***DOXOLOGY 95**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
We invite children *of all ages to come forth for the children's moment. Upon dismissal, children ages 3-7 are invited to children's church, and can be picked up after worship in the classroom across the hall from the nursery.*

***HYMN 103** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Faith Magann**
God our light, make us attentive to your Word as a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives,
until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. Amen.

*THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1–9 **Molly Vyskocil**

THE EPISTLE READING 2 Peter 1:16–21 **Lily Cole**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Be Though My Vision*

SERMON "Self-Revealing God"

***HYMN 2272** *Holy Ground*
During the singing of the final hymn you are invited to the chancel rail to share your prayers.

*BENEDICTION **Warner Shores**
May the self-revealing God be a lamp for your life, a light for your living and a lightness that causes you to sing the glory of the holy kingdom all of your days. May you go from here into all the world being the brightness in a dark world.

***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:
Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12–19,
Matthew 4: 1–11

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of February 16, 2020

Needed each week to fund unified budget $14,088.99
Unified budget received $14,070.00
Needed to meet budget year to date (Incldg. bldg. fund) $98,622.93
Unified budget received year to date (Incldg. bldg. fund) $82,827.40

Attendance

Worship 213 Sunday School 95

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Lowman Home Rehab — Anita Weed
Pruitt Health — Ed Brower
Springfield Place — Doris Monts
Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore
White Oak Manor — Emily Manley
Homebound —Leroy Gibson,
Gloria Gordon, Betty Jaco, Ray Keith
Special Prayers — Carolyn Brower, Jeff Denton,
Becky Gobble, Dale Jenkins, Juanita Kelley, Jessica Mack,
Quinton Meetze, Voncille Meetze, Barbara Pereira,
Molly Kate Shealy
Prisma Health Richland Hospital — Mavis George

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Keith Corley
	Will Bowers, Walker Bowers
	Inez Hyatt, Jon Jeffcoat, Stephen Page
Nursery:	Millie Fore, Kendall Smith
Greeters:	Martina Thomas, Regina & Jody Young
Acolyte:	Pierce Rhodes
Trustee:	Randy Hilliard
Children's Church:	Tracy Shores

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Ted and Pete Hornsby in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary on February 28th.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 we will gather for an Ash Wednesday Service including the imposition of Ashes. This service is our traditional beginning of the Lenten Season of repentance.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to ***Carol Doty*** *on receiving*
The United Methodist Women
2019 Woman of the Year *award.*
Carol received her award during the
February 16th worship service.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We hope all will join us for the Shrive Tuesday pancake Supper this week. The Youth and Methodist Men will be preparing and serving the meal of Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, and so much more. The cost is donation only and all funds go towards the Youth 2021 Foreign Mission Trip. We hope to see all of you there for a great meal and great fellowship.

OASIS

Mark your calendars now for an outing to the Newberry Opera House. We will meet at the church on **Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00** to carpool to the Opera House. We will participate in a guided backstage tour of this Event venue and learn what goes on behind the scenes. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch on your own at one of three places: Silver Spoon Tea Room, The Grille on Main St and The Cabana. IF you are feeling more adventurous, you may also want to shop or take in the Newberry museum while you are there. Please call the church office to RSVP so we can determine an appropriate headcount and number of drivers needed.

A Word of Thanks!

Deputy Shawn Powers with the **Richland County Sheriff's Department** came and spoke to the Oasis group this week and shared some important information with the group on Emergent and Non emergent situations. While 911 is always the number to call for Emergency situations, there also exist a non-emergency number when you wish to pass along or report a community concern to law enforcement. That number is listed below as well as Shawn Powers' personal cell and email address.
803-252-2911 Non-Emergency, 803-309-4918 Shawn Powers' cell, spowers@rcsd.net.

Safe Sanctuary Training

All those working with children, youth and vulnerable adults are required to participate in our Safe Sanctuary Training. If you have not participated in a class thus far, additional classes will be offered **Sunday, March 8 at 9:15 and April 19 at 5:00**. If you are unable to attend any of these classes and plan to continue working with children, youth and vulnerable adults, please let Tina Overton know.

BLOOD DRIVE

We are excited to partner with the American Red Cross on **Sunday, March 8th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** to host a blood drive at SUMC. We'll be working together to give back to the community in a truly life changing way since each donation we collect can save up to three lives.

To sign up, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and search for SUMC under "find a drive" or contact Jennifer Hodges at 865.437.7950.

The Art of Aging Well

If you have been thinking of improving your overall health and getting back into a routine, we are excited to offer a new **Chair Yoga/Exercise Class on Tuesdays at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** ***This Tuesday it will be held in the Sanctuary.*** Students perform postures and breathing exercises with the aid of a chair, both sitting and standing. Students can experience the many benefits of gentle yoga, some light cardio work as well as movement meditations. Benefits include increased balance, strength, flexibility, range of motion, and stress reduction.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Marie Wells at 803-673-7945. No Need to bring anything. Your initial visit is free! We hope to see you there!

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs: peanut butter, jelly, children's school clothing and white printing paper.

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.

65 items *were carried to SGL on* ***February 1st.***

Please join us for our free community event:

Parents, enjoy our complimentary coffee bar!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

Children of All Ages:

•Have your picture made with the Easter bunny

•Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and cereal

•Hear the Easter story, told through Resurrection eggs by Pastor Gary Phillips

When: Saturday morning, March 28, 2020

Where: Salem United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Time: drop in, 9:00 - 10:30

All events will be going on all morning!

Please RSVP by emailing sheilathacker11@gmail.com or completing this form and placing it in the offering plate.

Number of children attending: ___

Parent's name or names:_____

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, February 23
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided
10:30 A.M. . . . . .Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. . . . . Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Group
6:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Music
Monday, February 17
11:30 A.M. . . . . Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Peanut Man
7:00 P.M. . . . . Missions Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 18
9:00 A.M. . . . . .Precept Bible Study
4:30 P.M. . . . . Chair Yoga
5:00 P.M. . . . . Pancake Supper
7:00 P.M. . . . . Trustee Meeting
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
Wednesday, February 19
7:00 P.M. . . . . Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, February 20
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
Saturday, February 22
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
Sunday, February 23
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided
10:30 A.M. . . . . .Morning Worship
3:00 P.M. . . . . Legacy Giving Gathering
5:00 P.M. . . . . Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Group
6:00 P.M. . . . . .Youth Music

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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In case of an emergency, call 843-209-9273 or 803-422-9400

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Gary Phillips — Pastor
Sarah Bridges — Director of Music
Mary Catherine Greenway — Communications Coordinator
Stephanie Knott — Pianist
Angie Lain — Business/Finance Manager
Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist
Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant

*We welcome **Betty Hanzlick** to our church family by transfer of membership from Haygood Memorial UMC in Atlanta.*

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!