

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873  
January 3, 2021



## January 3, 2021 Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday A Service of Word & Table

*The color white is used to denote the purity of the Emanuel.*

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 72 (Refrain #1)*  
*I will give you as a light to the nations, my salvation to the ends  
of the earth.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING CALL

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us pray. 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**

A TIME OF PRAYER

\*SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 72:10–14*  
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may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall  
down before him, all nations give him service. For he delivers  
the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no  
helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the  
lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems  
their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

*\*Matthew 2:1–12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of  
Judea, wise men[a] from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,  
“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we  
observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him  
homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and  
all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests  
and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the  
Messiah[c] was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of  
Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means  
least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from  
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they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where  
the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they  
were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw  
the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid  
him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered  
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been  
warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their  
own country by another road.

HOMILY

“Paul’s Commission”

ANTHEM

*We Three Kings*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND SERVICE OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... we praise your  
name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ... as we  
proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**8:30 Worship**  
**January 3, 2021**  
**Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here ... now and for ever. **Amen.**

**And now with the confidence of the children of God, Let us pray ...**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven...**

**The Prayer After Receiving**

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 to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**                      *Love Came Down at Christmas*

1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE AND DEPARTING**

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

**Bold Titles** indicate Congregation Participation.

*If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card and place it in the offering plate.*

**Attention Guests and Salem Members**

Please ensure your family is signed in as you enter or depart the sanctuary today. Having a record of your attendance enables us to contact you in the unfortunate event someone is diagnosed with COVID-19. Thank you in advance for your adherence to this request.

***Flower Ministry***

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Carrie West and Chris Corley.

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship                      Psalm 72 (Refrain #1)  
*I will give you as a light to the nations, my salvation to the ends of the earth.*

Welcome / Announcements

Opening Prayer

**\*Song 1**    *Everlasting God*  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Our God, you reign forever, our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

*Refrain:*  
*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint, you won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak; you comfort those in need; you lift us up on wings like eagles.*

**\*Song 2**    *Blessed Be the Name(X2)*  
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

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Homily "Paul's Commission"

The Great Thanksgiving and Service of Communion

**\*Closing Song** *What Child Is This*

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch  
are keeping?

*Refrain:*  
*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are  
feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word  
is pleading. *(Refrain)*

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to  
own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts  
enthroned him. *(Refrain)*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude  
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**WORDS OF WELCOME**

We bid you a warm welcome this morning. We hope you will join us and  
will tell others about this service.

Please also consider joining us for Worship Services at 10:30 A.M.  
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If you are visiting with us today and would like additional information  
about Salem United Methodist Church please fill out the following and  
deposit it in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**Sunday, January 3**  
8:30 A.M. . . . . Outside Worship  
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
**Tuesday, January 5**  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
7:00 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice  
**Thursday, January 8**  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
**Saturday, January 9**  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
**Sunday, January 10**  
8:30 A.M. . . . . Outside Worship  
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**Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes have arrived for 2021! They are located in  
the Welcome Center and the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Week of December 20, 24 & 27, 2020  
Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,088.99  
Unified budget received \$41,387.79  
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$732,627.48  
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$570,050.27

**2021 Flower Calendar**

The 2021 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome  
Center. Cost is \$95 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.

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:**

- Lowman Home** — Gwen Parnell
- Generations of Irmo** — Carolyn Brower,  
Joyce Cook, Ruth Smith, Anita Weed
- Rice Estates** — Ed Brower
- Springfield Place** — Doris Monts
- Tyborne UCP** — Jessica Gore
- White Oak Manor** — Emily Manley
- Homebound** — Mavis George, Ray Keith
- Special Prayers** — Leroy Gibson, Wayne Haltiwanger  
Johnny Hollis, Ruby Hollis, John Howard, Dale Jenkins,  
Dan Jennings, Jessica Mack, Quinton Meetze,  
Voncille Meetze, Ashley Milbourne, Maren Milbourne,  
Bill Oswald, Judy Price, Molly Kate Shealy
- LMC** — Matt Shores

**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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call 843-209-9273 or 803-422-9400*

**OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

- Gary Phillips — Pastor
- Bill Childs — Pastor of Visitation
- Ashley Anderson — Children's Ministries
- Sarah Bridges — Director of Music
- 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

**E-Giving**

Please prayerfully consider giving to Salem United Methodist  
Church through our e-Giving program. Scan the QR code below  
to be taken to Salem's donation page to present your offering.



You can also visit the link:  
<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>

**8:30 Outdoor Service**

For those that are considering participating in the 8:30 outdoor  
service the following guidelines have been put into place:

On Saturday night if the WIS weather app indicates the  
temperature will be above 35 degrees by 8:00 am the service  
will be held. If the temperature is below 35 degrees then the  
service will be moved into the fellowship hall. All of this of  
course is dependent on precipitation. In case of rain / snow the  
service will be brought indoors as well.

