

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873
March 28, 2021



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Palm Sunday
A Service of Word

The color purple is used to denote our submission to God's will.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118 (Response#1)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118:1-2, 24, 26-29 (modified)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; holy, steadfast love endures forever! Let the holy people say,

"Holy, steadfast love endures forever." Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are holy God, and we will give thanks to you; you are holy God, we will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for holy, steadfast love endures forever.

A VIDEO PALM PROCESSION

ANTHEM

The Palms

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:1-4 & 7-9

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Mark 11: 1 - 11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them,

"What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

PROCLAMATION

"I Want to Be Like You"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Whiter Than Snow

1. Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul; Break down every idol, cast out every foe; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

(Chorus)

Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

2. Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies, And help me to make a complete sacrifice; I give up myself, and whatever I know, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *(Chorus)*

4. Lord Jesus, Thou seest I patiently wait; Come now, and within me a new heart create; To those who have sought Thee, Thou never said'st No; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *(Chorus)*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who cleanses us and makes us into new beings.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of new life. Come into our identity and our world with your healing love. Help us to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow before one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separates us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and binds us together in unity which you share with the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*ABSOLUTION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE AND DEPARTING

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

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8:30 Worship Palm Sunday

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship *Psalm 118 (Response#1)*
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Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome / Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Song 1** *Filled with Excitement*

1. Filled with excitement, all the happy throng Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets. There in the distance they begin to see, riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

Chorus:

From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes In the name of God. With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song breaks forth; Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!

2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem, we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King, to the living Savior who still calls today, asking us to follow him with love and faith. *(chorus)*

***Song 2** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

***Song 3** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. *[Refrain]*

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. *[Refrain]*

5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *[Refrain]*

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Proclamation "I Want to Be Like You"

***Hymn of Response** *Whiter Than Snow*

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*Absolution and Benediction

*Postlude

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STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of March 21, 2021

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,088.99

Unified budget received \$13,387.53

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$169,067.88

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$128,963.78

Attendance

Worship 83 Sunday School 47

On Line Viewing

86

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,

Joyce Cook, Anita Weed

Harbison Shores — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine

Rice Estates — Ed Brower

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

White Oak Manor — Emily Manley

Homebound — Mavis George, Ray Keith

Special Prayers — Janice Catoe, Leroy Gibson,

Wayne Haltiwanger, Ruby Hollis, John Howard,

Joyce Lewis, Jessica Mack, Quinton Meetze, Voncille Meetze,

Ashley Milbourne, Maren Milbourne, Bill Oswald,

Judy Price, Molly Kate Shealy, Matt Shores,

Barbara Thomas, Norman Thomas

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Ted Hornsby
Bill Sills

Trustee: Steven Smith

Face Masks

We are in a difficult time. There are those who have received their vaccine, those who are waiting to get their vaccine and those who will choose not to be vaccinated. Some feel perfectly fine being in public and some who feel vulnerable. Regardless of your position, hopefully, we all wish to be able to return to our sacred space to be part of worship.

Salem U.M. Church has not required the use of masks for persons within our building. This was out of a concern for those for whom wearing a mask posed a difficulty. We have encouraged their use. We do so now more than ever. This is to provide an environment of Christian hospitality towards those who wish to return to in-person worship but are hesitant about potential exposure. Please prayerfully consider making use of a mask and its welcoming representation to others.

Gary D.

Maundy Thursday Service

There will be a live service at **7:00 on Thursday, April 1**. The service will be livestreamed just like on Sundays. We hope to see you there.

Next Sunday is Easter

As usual we will host two services of worship, one at **8:30 and the other at 10:30**. The 8:30 service will be outside, weather permitting; the 10:30 will be in the sanctuary and will be broadcast.

The cross will again be decorated for Easter Sunday this year. Please feel free to take your family pictures anytime on Sunday before or after one of our worship services.

PLEASE WELCOME

Kyle Cook-McCrory is a pre seminary attendee exploring a call to ministry. Kyle spent most of his growing up years in Salem. He completed his undergraduate work at Southern Wesleyan. Kyle will be assisting in leading worship for the next while to gain some practical experience before shipping off to pursue the academic experience.

Morning Prayer Time

We would like to invite everyone to join us each week for a time of prayer. We will meet in the church parking lot at **7:00 A.M. every Wednesday** to pray for many different things as a church. This is for EVERYONE, children, youth, adults and even friends that may not be a part of our church family. If it rains, we will meet in the Sanctuary but otherwise we will remain outside so that we may be able to stay spread apart a bit. We look forward to seeing everyone that is interested in joining us. For more information, contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com.

Sharing God's Love

Sharing God's Love is so grateful to our friends who support us with love and prayers. With your help, we are able to assist the needy in our community.

Our current needs: non-sugary cereal, grits, tea, king size sheets and comforters, men and women's clothing sizes 22 and up.

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

101 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on March 22nd.

OASIS

We R Back

April 20th 11:30

SALEM Fellowship Hall

Talented men grilling hamburgers

A cake to sweeten your day

Please bring a dish to share

It's time to safely gather and

Reunite in friendship

Donations appreciated

RSVP to church office 781.1626

Save the Date - Farmers Market

Our outdoor farmers' market kick off will begin Friday, April 16 in our church parking lot from 4 until 6 o'clock. A variety of vendors will be on hand providing fresh produce, art, home goods and crafts. *Note the revised time!*

NEW Group Study Knowing Rediscovered

LEARN TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE.

DISCOVER YOUR TRUE CHRIST IDENTITY

UNIQUELY NURTURE THE RELATIONSHIPS YOU ARE IN

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00 - 7:00 PM

APRIL 14-MAY 19

OPEN TO EVERYONE (ADULT AND YOUTH) AND IS PART VIDEO, PART DISCUSSION. WE HOPE ALL WILL JOIN US EACH WEEK IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THIS WILL BE AN IN PERSON STUDY AND NOT BE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM.

PLEASE CONTACT JIM MAGANN TO SIGN UP AT [JIMMAGANN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jimmagann@gmail.com)

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.

FAITH CIRCLE MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN

One way in which the women of Faith Circle carry out the many mission projects we support is through this annual fund raising project. We are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those women who are special to us...mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends, etc. We are sure you will want to include all those women who are special to you.

To list the names of special women you would like to remember in our Mother's Day bulletin, please fill out the form found on the back of this page, and put it, along with payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, in an envelope marked "**Mother's Day**." Checks should be made payable to "**Faith Circle**." Please be sure to fill out all the information on the form and **print clearly!** Honor those living on the "in honor" of lines, and remember those who are deceased on the "in memory" of lines. We regret that due to space we are unable to print special messages -- **only the names** of those we wish to honor in this special way. Please give completed forms to any member of Faith Circle or drop in the offering plate or the church office.

Money raised through this bulletin will be used for mission projects of the United Methodist Women as well as mission projects such as Salem's Homeless Outreach Ministry, Salkehatchie, and congregational and community needs.

Deadline is Sunday, April 11, 2021

In honor of _____
By _____

In memory of _____
By _____

Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, March 28

8:30 A.M. Outside Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:30 P.M. Playground Committee Meeting
3:30 P.M. Confirmation Class
5:00 P.M. Youth Group

Tuesday, March 30

9:30 A.M. Precept Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Lent Bible Study
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 31

7:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, April 1

7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, April 3

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, April 4

8:30 A.M. Outside Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:30 P.M. **No** Confirmation Class
5:00 P.M. Youth Group

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
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

The Church Office will be closed on
Thursday April 1 and Monday April 5 for
Easter.

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>

Outside Worship Service

On weather permitting Sundays, our 8:30 service offers attendees the opportunity to remain in their car and listen to the service on their radio. Simply dial into **FM 95.7** and enjoy. We ask that you park in the upper portion of our parking lot.