

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873  
September 26, 2021



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| August 29           | James 1:17-27                                    | Faith "Risk"         |
|                     | Topic: Faith takes risks.                        |                      |
| September 5         | James 2:1-17                                     | Faith "Acts"         |
|                     | Topic: Faith manifests itself in actions.        |                      |
| September 12        | James 3:1-12                                     | Faith "Doesn't..."   |
|                     | Topic: What faith calls us not to do.            |                      |
| September 19        | James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a                             | Faith "Joyfulness"   |
|                     | Topic: Find joy in faith.                        |                      |
| <b>September 26</b> | <b>James 5:13-20</b>                             | <b>Faith "Prays"</b> |
|                     | <b>Topic: The faithful find power in prayer.</b> |                      |

## September 26, 2021 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost A Service of Word

### PRELUDE

\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 846 *Psalm 124*  
"When the storms of life are raging, stand by me."

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

If it had not been God who was on our side,  
**the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.**

If it had not been God who was on our side,  
**the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.**

Are any among us suffering?

**Come and pray.**

Are any among us cheerful?

**Come sing songs of praise.**

Are any among us sick?

**Come and ask for healing.**

Our help is in our God,  
**the One who made heaven and earth.**

Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

**God is on our side.**

Let us pray:

**Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 492 *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire*

### A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Prayer of Peace*

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

EPISTLE LESSON *James 5:13-20*

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN 526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

PROCLAMATION Faith "Prays"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885 *A Modern Affirmation*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 2223

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### \*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

### \*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*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 in the offering plate.

## Sermon Notes

### *A Welcome to our Guests!*

*We are honored that you are worshipping 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!*

**September 26, 2021**  
**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
8:30 WORSHIP A SERVICE OF WORD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 124*

*“When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.”*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**\*SONG 1** *Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire*

1. Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire, unuttered or expressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.
2. Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear, the upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.
3. Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try; prayer the sublimest strains that reach the Majesty on high.
4. Prayer is the contrite sinners’ voice, returning from their way, while angels in their songs rejoice and cry, “Behold, they pray!”
5. Prayer is the Christians’ vital breath, the Christians’ native air; their watchword at the gates of death; they enter heaven with prayer.
6. O Thou, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way: the path of prayer thyself hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!

**\*SONG 2** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he’ll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

**\*SONG 3** *Living for Jesus*

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please him in all that I do, yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free, this is the pathway of blessing for me.

*Refrain:*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee; for thou in thy atonement didst give thyself for me. I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne, my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.*

2. Living for Jesus, who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace, such love constrains me to answer his call, follow his leading, and give him my all. *[Refrain]*

3. Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in his holy name, willing to suffer affliction or loss, deeming each trial a part of my cross. *[Refrain]*

4. Living for Jesus through earth’s little while, my dearest treasure, the light of his smile, seeking the lost ones he died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in him. *[Refrain]*

EPISTLE READING

James 5:13–20

The Prayer of Faith

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

PROCLAMATION

Faith “Prays”

**\*CLOSING SONG** *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

*(Refrain) And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. *(Refrain)*

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side; we will work with each other, we will work side by side; and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride. *(Refrain)*

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son, and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *(Refrain)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE**

Will be reported next week

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:**

**Generations of Irmo** — Carolyn Brower,

Joyce Cook, Mary Skenes, Anita Weed

**Harbison Shores** — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine

**Lexington Extended Care** — Ray Keith

**Lowman Home** — Gwen Parnell

**Portside at Grande Dunes** — Bill Oswald

**Rice Estates** — Ed Brower

**Tyborne UCP** — Jessica Gore

**Wellmore** — Leroy Gibson

**White Oak Manor** — Willard Nash

**Special Prayers** — Al Berry, Beverly Bouknight,

Linda Koon, Voncille Meetze, Willard Nash, Margie Oswald,

Molly Kate Shealy, Norman Thomas, Terry Waites, Bill Walker

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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Ushers:**

Lead – Keith Corley

Tom Marcos, Brandon Stutts

**Sound Booth:**

Stephen Page

**Trustee:**

Sandra Durst

**Acolyte:**

Sandra Sills

**Nursery:**

Sheri Hood, Maggie Brewton

*The nursery will be available during the 10:30 worship hour.*

*Children’s Church will resume at a later date.*

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## *Flower Ministry*

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by John & Betsy Goodale in honor of Margo & Austin Hicks’ first wedding anniversary.

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## **Assisting with Communion**

Communion is a sacred sacrament of the United Methodist Church and the distribution of the elements is one of several discipleship opportunities Salem would like to extend to its members. Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in assisting Pastor Jeff with the sacrament of holy communion, we encourage your participation and ask you to place your name on the **sign-up sheet located in the Welcome Center**. Pastor Jeff will contact you prior to your participation to ensure you are adequately prepared.

## OASIS Game Day!

It's time for a change up! Join us for "game day" on **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**. We'll join together in some fun games of Fall Bingo. You'll have the opportunity to win some festive prizes and we'll cap off our time with a potluck type meal! Fried Chicken will be provided. We just ask that you bring a side dish to share. Please call the church office at 803-781-1626 and say you'll join us by Wednesday, October 13 so we can make proper food preparations.

## Youth Group is BACK!!!

Youth Group, called "**Crossover**", is now meeting every week from 5:00 - 6:00PM. We want to see everyone every week!!!!

## Ladies' Lunch Bunch

For any ladies that just want to get together for fellowship time over lunch, we will meet tomorrow, **Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** at **El Poblano** in Chapin at 12:00.

## Attention Ladies

The UMW would like to invite you to our annual World Thank celebration. This year's event will be held in our social hall on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Purchase your ticket (\$8) at your October circle meeting or contact June Salters at 269-1290. We hope to see you there. All Salem ladies are welcome.

## College Addresses

If you have a young adult that is off to college, please let us know their mailing address. We want to be able to support the young people while they are away from home with notes and goodies throughout the year. Please contact the church office at [smethodist@aol.com](mailto:smethodist@aol.com) with their address.

## Blood Drive

SUMC is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive for our community this coming Tuesday. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. To make an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: **SalemUMC**.

## Sharing God's Love

**Our current needs:** canned tomatoes, oatmeal, pasta, peanut butter and jelly, mac & cheese, Ramen noodles, pancakes, syrup, canned vegetables, bottled water, dried beans, powdered milk, king & queen sheets and kids coats.

*Drop off containers are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office lobby and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.*

**135 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Salem United Methodist Church invites you to:

# Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru

Have a family friendly fun night with treats on us!

Sunday, October 24th, 5 - 6 p.m.

1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, September 26

8:30 A.M. . . . . Outside Worship  
 9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Escape  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Group

### Monday, September 27

12:00 P.M. . . . . Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ El Poblano  
 6:00 P.M. . . . . Bible Study  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . Mission's Meeting

### Tuesday, September 28

12:00 P.M. . . . . Blood Drive  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . Finance Meeting  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Wednesday, September 29

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

### Thursday, September 30

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

### Saturday, October 2

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

### Sunday, October 3

8:30 A.M. . . . . Outside Worship  
 9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Adult Education Meeting  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Escape  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Group

## 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>

**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 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*

**OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

Jeff Childress — Pastor  
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