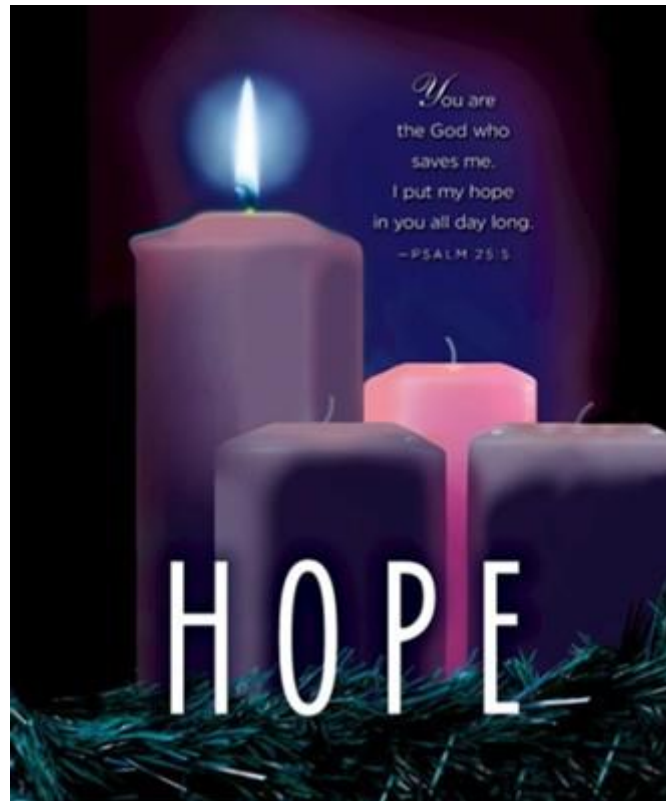


Salem United Methodist Church

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



November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

The color blue represents hope during this preparatory season of Advent.

PRELUDE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 171

There's Something About That Name

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don't know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner.

Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again?

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home.

We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS (Hymnal p. 38)

Bill and Lucretia Seigler

*HYMN 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Advent Road

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

ADVENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PROCLAMATION

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

(written by Daniel Berrigan, S.J.)

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss.

It is true that God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

It is true Jesus came that we may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity, of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history.

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 368

My Hope Is Built

*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.

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!

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of November 21, 2021

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

Unified budget received \$13,292.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$662,182.53

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$514,905.22

Attendance

Worship 149 Sunday School 63

On Line Viewing

123

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

Special Prayers — Al Berry, Leroy Gibson, Linda Koon,
Jim Magann, Heather Magann, Voncille Meetze, Margie Oswald,
Molly Kate Shealy, Norman Thomas, Terry Waites, Bill Walker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – David Thomas
John Goodale, Ron Joye

Sound Booth: Stephen Page

Trustee: Mike Haas

Acolyte: Burns Swindler

Nursery: Martina Thomas, Julia Rose Hood

*The nursery will be available during the 10:30 worship hour.
Children's Church will resume at a later date.*

Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday as **our children bring their holiday greetings to you via their Christmas performance.** The children have been hard at work for several months preparing songs and artwork to share with you. We would like to thank all of the parents and Sarah High for their efforts in preparing the children for this special event. We hope you will make plans to join us!

Birthday Party for Jesus

All children are cordially invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus on **December 5th from 5-6pm, during the Escape hour.** Dinner will be provided. This will be our last Escape for the 2021 year. Stay tuned for details about Escape restarting in 2022!

Christmas Mission Project

This holiday season at SUMC we will once again be supporting the **Prisma Health Children's Hospital Child Life Team.** The Child Life department assists children from birth through the teenage years so there is a wide-range of shopping opportunities – the infection control policy requires that all donations must be NEW with original tags and/or packaging. New this year, for safety reasons they cannot accept socks. A list of suggested items can be found in the Welcome Center. In order to support this mission, we ask that all donations be left unwrapped and placed in a designated area of the Welcome Center by **Wednesday, December 15th.**

OASIS - Christmas Celebration

Mark your calendar now for our Christmas Celebration on **Tuesday, December 14 (a week earlier than usual) at 11:30** in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy a potluck meal with pulled pork being provided. As we celebrate the reason for the season, we will fellowship with one another and participate in a Christmas music sing along led by our guest, Steve McFadden. Please call the office to **RSVP** and share what side dish you are willing to bring. *You may also bring a wrapped unisex \$10 gift if you would like to participate in our gift exchange.* We hope to hear from you!

The Bazaar

The Bazaar is scheduled for **December 11th** and we hope everyone puts this date on their calendar to come shop. The time of the event is 9 - 2. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you or someone you know is interested in setting up a table please contact Millie Fore 920-5261 or Sandra Durst 600-6206 for more information.

Advent Bible Study- Starts Today

Rediscover the gift of Advent that comes without packages, ribbons, and bows. We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent study, from Matt Rawle, participants explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. How did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture. **This study will be facilitated by Pastor Jeff** on the Sunday afternoons of Advent (November 28, December 5, 12, and 19) from 5:00pm until 6:00pm.

Confirmation Information

We will begin Confirmation Class for everyone in the church, **6th grade and up.** If you have not been a part of Confirmation before and would like to do it, please contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com. We will have an **information meeting at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 12** in the Seekers classroom for all who plan to be a part of it. Parents of youth age persons, will need to attend as well. The classes will begin Sunday, January 2 and will be each week at 3:30 P.M. in the Seekers classroom. Confirmation Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 5.

2022 Flower Calendar

The 2022 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. If you would like to donate the flowers, they will be arranged into several different vases to be delivered to shut-ins and the sick. **Please help support the church in this meaningful manner.**

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs: tomato paste, sauce, stewed tomatoes, whole canned tomatoes, snacks, mac & cheese, pasta, rice and pasta dinners, peanut butter and jelly.

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

84 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on October 21st

The Annual fall Yard Sale made \$6900 this year. Thanks to all the people who came to the sale and also made donations for the yard sale.

Blood Drive

Salem UMC

1321 Salem Church Road – Fellowship Hall



SCAN ME

Wednesday, December 8
12 PM – 5 PM

To make an appointment, scan QR code or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **SALEMUMC.**



Light up the Night

Honor your loved ones by reserving your luminary bag by Sunday, December 12. A commemorative bulletin insert will be printed for the Christmas Eve Service.

Please note: *Names received after Dec. 12 are not guaranteed to be printed in bulletin due to time needed to get everything created and printed.*

Minimum donation of \$1.00 per bag

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You may add additional names on a separate sheet. Proceeds will benefit the **Salem UMC Youth Mission Trip Fund**.

An Invitation to Serve During Advent



ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, November 28
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 5:00 P.M. Advent Bible Study
 5:00 P.M. Escape/Play Practice
 5:00 P.M. **NO** Youth Group

Monday, November 29
 7:30 P.M. Faith Circle @ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 30
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 1
 7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 11:30 A.M. Joy & Cavin Circle @ Tonella's
 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 2
 7:00 P.M. LMA Meeting
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, December 4
 10:00 A.M. Children's Play Rehearsal
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, December 5
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Youth Group
 5:00 P.M. Advent Bible Study
 5:00 P.M. Birthday Party for Jesus

Sermon Notes

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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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Ashley Anderson — Children's Ministries
Sarah E. High — 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>