

Salem United Methodist Church

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November 7, 2021



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November 7, 2021 24th Sunday After Pentecost All Saints Sunday

*The color white on this special day symbolizes both
death and resurrection.*

PRELUDE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.
Amen.

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and ruler of kings on earth. **Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. **Amen.**

Let us pray...

**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants, who having
finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to
follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your
honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

A TIME OF PRAYER

ANTHEM

Prayers of the People

As we recall the blessed ones who have gone before us, let us give
thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done
justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles
and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death
have witnessed to your truth.

We praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely
and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world.

We praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, for teachers and students,
colleagues and friends, for parents and grandparents, husbands and
wives, brothers and sisters, for all who by their faithful obedience and
steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

We praise you, O God.

Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the
way of Christ. Then at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance
of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Naming of the Saints

*Terry Harsey, Barry Joye, Wallace Stokes, Jim Lewis, Sr.,
Kenneth Koon, Doris Monts, Ruth Smith, Emily Fisher Manley,
Mavis George, John Howard, Jan Prosser, Quinton Meetze,
Willard Nash, Wayne Haltiwanger*

Holy Lord, hear the names of those we honor in our hearts today:

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the triumph of Christ in the lives
of your saints. Receive the prayers we offer this day and help us to
run our course with faith, that we may swiftly come to your eternal
kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-16, 12:1-3

PROCLAMATION

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II, PG. 12

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE LAVABO

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:

**Holy God, we give 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 for others, in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 707

Hymn of Promise

*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.

November 7, 2021
24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
All Saints Sunday
8:30 WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Surely the Presence of the Lord*
“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.”

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

***SONG 1** *Nothing Between*

1. Nothing between my soul and my Savior, naught of this world’s delusive dream; I have renounced all sinful pleasure; Jesus is mine, there’s nothing between.

Refrain: Nothing between my soul and my Savior, so that his blessed face may be seen; nothing preventing the least of his favor; keep the way clear! let nothing between.

2. Nothing between, like worldly pleasure; habits of life, though harmless they seem, must not my heart from him ever sever; he is my all, there’s nothing between. *(Refrain)*

3. Nothing between, like pride or station; self or friends shall not intervene; though it may cost me much tribulation, I am resolved, there’s nothing between. *(Refrain)*

4. Nothing between, e’en many hard trials, though the whole world against me convene; watching with prayer and much self-denial, I’ll triumph at last, there’s nothing between. *(Refrain)*

***SONG 2** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *(Refrain)*

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. *(Refrain)*

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *(Refrain)*

***SONG 3** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home; swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. *(Refrain)*

2. If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home; tell all my friends I’m coming too, coming for to carry me home. *(Refrain)*

3. I’m sometimes up, I’m sometimes down, coming for to carry me home; but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. *(Refrain)*

4. The brightest day that I can say, coming for to carry me home; when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. *(Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-16, 12:1-3

The Meaning of Faith

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Examples of Abel, Enoch, and Noah

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain’s. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and “he was not found, because God had taken him.” For it was attested before he was taken away that “he had pleased God.” ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

The Faith of Abraham

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one

as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Example of Jesus

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

PROCLAMATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *In the Garden*

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. *(Refrain)*

3. I’d stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. *(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.

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of October 31, 2021

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

Unified budget received \$10,087.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$619,915.56

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$478,455.22

Attendance

Worship 146 Sunday School 60

On Line Viewing

120

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,

Francis Haltiwanger, Linda Koon, 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: Rachel Rhodes

Nursery: Ashley Anderson, Kendall Smith

Communion Assistants: Michelle Page, Lou Holmes

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

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 32nd wedding anniversary by Keith and Donna Corley.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Francis Haltiwanger** and family upon the death of her husband, **Wayne Haltiwanger**.

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Jean Carlock** and family upon the death of her mother, **Margaret Jean Hinkle**.

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 - November Event

Join us on **Tuesday, November 16 at 11:30 for our annual Thanksgiving Feast** ~ an event you won't want to miss! We will gather in the fellowship hall and enjoy the traditional meal of turkey, ham and all the trimmings catered by Tim Scott catering. There will be no charge for the meal but **reservations are required no later than Thursday, November 11**.

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. **Please RSVP to the church office (803-781-1626) by November 22**.

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!

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

For any ladies that just want to get together for fellowship time over lunch, we will meet **Monday, Nov. 22nd** at **Miyo's** 1220 Bower Parkway at 12:00 in their back room.

Parking Lot Service

After much prayerful consideration and several conversations around the Parking Lot Service at 8:30am on Sunday mornings, we announce that we will be suspending this service after November 21, 2021. This service, put in place as a temporary measure, has served a great purpose over the past many months in offering an outdoor worship space during the peaks of COVID. For now, we would like for the Advent and Christmas seasons to be the time that brings us together as a worshipping community and family to celebrate the new liturgical year, and the beautiful season of anticipation and celebration of the birth of Jesus. The warmth of the sanctuary will also be welcomed during the cold winter months. There is still plenty of room in the sanctuary to spread out and practice social distancing, and many continue to mask during the service. With COVID vaccines now being available for children, and boosters for the older population, and with the data of infections and hospitalizations trending downward, the timing seems appropriate. Following this change, the hope is that we will resume with *Church on the Lake* in the spring, with an extended season as compared to what we have offered in the past. And we will of course continue to live stream our Sunday morning worship services as well. If something arises that necessitates our reconsideration of this offering of an additional service, we will certainly keep that option open. I greatly look forward to our coming together for worship during this most sacred and joyous season.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

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.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church for Christmas, or make a donation to our Building Fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Poinsettias will be \$13.00 each. A listing of all poinsettias and donations will be inserted in the bulletins on Sunday, December 12th and Sunday, December 19th. A listing will also be in the newsletter. **Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.** Please place the completed form along with payment marked "poinsettia" in the offering plate, or drop it by the Church Office. **The deadline for receiving forms and payment is Sunday, November 14th.** Names only please, no special messages will be added. **Please print clearly.**

Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Lieu Of Poinsettias, Donation to the Building Fund

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by: _____

Total # of Poinsettias @ \$13.00 each _____.

Total amount enclosed \$_____.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, November 7

8:30 A.M. Outside Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Escape/Play Practice
5:00 P.M. **NO** Youth Group

Monday, November 8

6:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
6:00 P.M. Bible Study

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 A.M. Precept Bible Study
6:00 P.M. SPRC Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 10

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
10:00 A.M. Joy Circle
10:00 A.M. Cavin Circle
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 11

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, November 13

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, November 14

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

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

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

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>