

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve

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A Service of Word and Light

*The color white is used as an expression of joy and celebration
on this eve of Christ's birth.*

PRELUDE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP 211**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

“O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that
mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

WELCOME and GRACE OF HOSPITALITY

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP and THE LIGHTING OF THE
CHRIST CANDLE**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God is born this night.

God's word has been made flesh among us.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light
has shined.**

You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its
joy. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the
government shall be upon his shoulders.

**His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He is also called Emmanuel,
for in him God is with us.**

We light once again the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love,
and tonight, we rejoice together as we light the Christ candle.

**We honor Christ with this candle's flame. These Christmas Eve
candles proclaim glad tidings to all. O Come all you faithful,
rejoice in this night, as God comes among us, the true Light of
the World.**

***HYMN 218**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

A TIME OF PRAYER

ANTHEM

On This Quiet Night

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

***HYMN 219**

What Child Is This

PROCLAMATION

“Making Room”

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II, PG. 12

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

(The Service of the Lavabo)

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *(Medley of Christmas Hymns)*

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.**

***LUMINARY HYMN OF RESPONSE 246**

Joy to the World

(On the last verse lift your light high in celebration of Christ's birth.)

*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.

Welcome

*Welcome to our Christmas Eve Service. May God bless
you and your families as you celebrate the birth of the Christ
child. The staff of Salem wishes you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP:

Ushers: Ted Hornsby
Ron Joye
Bill Sills

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Trustee: Keith Corley

Acolyte: Molly Kate Vyskocil

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