

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



December 19, 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE Salem Ringers

*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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE**

Last week we lit the candle of Joy. We light it again today along
with the candles of Hope and Peace.

**As we do so we remember that Christ, who was born in
Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and
bring us everlasting peace and joy.**

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. God's love is a
perfect love. It holds nothing back. God, in love, gives us
everything we need to live a life of hope and peace and joy.

**This is what love is like: Love is patient, love is kind and envies
no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love
is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it
does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the
right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot
face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance.
Love never ends. We light the candle of Love to remind us that
Jesus brings us God's love and shows us how to love others.**

***HYMN 234** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (1-3)*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST LESSON Micah 5:2-5a

ANTHEM Salem Ringers

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-55

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN 230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

PROCLAMATION “True Love”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 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 2151** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

*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 December 12, 2021
Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,088.99
Unified budget received \$12,191.00
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$704,449.50
Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$556,036.22

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 171 Sunday School 66	176

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,
Sandra Hinson, Lee McMillan, Voncille Meetze,
Margie Oswald, Molly Kate Shealy,
Norman Thomas, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Randy Hilliard (Lead)
John Hood, Ron Joye,
Bob Kuenzli
Sound Booth: Jim Magann
Trustee: Keith Corley
Acolyte: Peyton Baker
Nursery: Ashley Anderson, Rachel McCrary

*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 by Larry and June Salters in honor of their grandson, Justin Salters, and Madison Ferguson who were married in Ridgeway on Saturday.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Mike Haas** and family upon the death of his brother, **Terry Haas**.

Christmas Eve Service

We hope you will plan to join us on **December 24th at 5:30pm for our Christmas Eve Service**. Please bring any family members that may be visiting with you as we will share in the sacrament of Holy Communion and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Note: Poinsettias placed in the sanctuary can be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

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.*

OASIS - January 18th at 11:30

Hard to believe we are already anticipating a new year! Kick it off right by joining our Oasis (previously known as our Over 50's ministry) group as we take some time to get to know each other during the first month of the year gathering. If you have never joined us and considered doing so, now would be a great time! We will enjoy a variety of soups prepared by Janet Haas and then spend some time in fellowship afterwards. Call the church office and let us know you will be attending by Wednesday, Jan 12th!

New Bible Study Coming

"The New Testament You Never Knew"
by N. T. Wright and Michael Bird

Join us for a time of exploring the New Testament like never before in this guided tour led by world famous expert N. T. Wright and Michael Bird. Explore the story of the New Testament, world of Jesus, life and death of Jesus, resurrection of Jesus, the apostle Paul, the early Christians, mission of the church and how the New Testament came to be. The class will be at **6:00 P.M. on Monday nights beginning January 3 through February 21 in the Seekers Classroom**. The cost is \$10 for the Study Guide. Contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com to sign up.

Women's Bible Study

We will offer a new Bible study beginning February 3, 2022 at 6:00. The study is entitled *Forgiveness* by Rodney Hogue. Make plans to join us for this 11week study. More details forthcoming.

Winter Wonderland Italian lunch

Family Ministries is hosting a Winter Wonderland Italian lunch on **Sunday, February 13th** immediately following the worship service in the fellowship hall. We will be serving lasagna and spaghetti, so we are requesting an RSVP to make sure we are prepared. There are two ways to RSVP:

1. Call the church office
2. Email Autumnesmith452@gmail.com

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.

370 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on December 13th. 275 of the items were donated by the Seeker's Sunday School Class as part of their annual Christmas Party.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes have arrived for 2022! They are in the Welcome Center.

Office Closing

The church office will be closed December 23rd through the end of the year for Christmas. We will open on January 3rd.

Merry Christmas
from the office staff!

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, December 19

8:00 A.M. UMM Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Advent Bible Study

Tuesday, December 21

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 22

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

Thursday, December 23

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Friday, December 24

5:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, December 26

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

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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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>