

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



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*The color white is used today as a festive  
representation of the birth of Christ.*

### PRELUDE

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP 246 *Joy to the World*  
"Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature  
sing."

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Christ is born; give him glory!

**Christ has come down from heaven; receive him! Christ is now  
on earth; exalt him!**

All upon the earth, sing to the Lord!

**All you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!**

Let us pray:

**O God our Father, you have brought us again to this glad season  
when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus, the Christ.  
Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day,  
and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open  
our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open  
our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to  
God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all;  
through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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

ANTHEM *Congregational Hymn Sing*

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN 242 *Love Came Down at Christmas*

PROCLAMATION "Growing Up"

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 884

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things,  
Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all  
truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our  
teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for  
guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and  
prayer, and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New  
Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church, those who are united in the living  
Lord for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in  
human society, and in the family of God, where we are all  
brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*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

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday schedule, the Stewardship Report for December 19, 24 & 26 will appear in the January 9, 2022 bulletin.

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>On Line Viewing</b>
Worship 154 Sunday School 57	124

## 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

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

**Ushers:** Lead — Randy Hilliard (Lead)  
John Hood, Ron Joye, Bob Kuenzli

**Sound Booth:** Cory Anderson

**Trustee:** Keith Corley

**Acolyte:** Faith Magann

**Nursery:** Claressa Poppell, Julia Rose Hood

*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 Keith and Donna Corley in honor of Chris and Carrie Corley's 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

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## Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Scott Royster** and family upon the death of his mother, **Jane Mashburn Royster**.

## Offering Envelopes

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

## OASIS - January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

Hard to believe we are already about to enter 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 12<sup>th</sup>!

## 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](mailto:jimmagann@gmail.com) to sign up.

## 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.**

## 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 11 week study. More details forthcoming.

## Winter Wonderland Italian Lunch

Family Ministries is hosting a Winter Wonderland Italian lunch on **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>. 275 of the items were donated by the Seeker's Sunday School Class as part of their annual Christmas Party.**

## Office Closing

The church office will be closed through the end of the year for Christmas. We will reopen on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Happy New Year  
from the office staff!

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, December 26

9:30 A.M. .... Sunday School

10:30 A.M. .... Morning Worship

### Tuesday, December 28

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

### Wednesday, December 29

7:00 A.M. .... AA Meeting

7:00 P.M. .... Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 30

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

### Saturday, January 1

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

### Sunday, January 2

9:30 A.M. .... Sunday School

10:30 A.M. .... Morning Worship

3:30 P.M. .... Confirmation

5:00 P.M. .... Youth

## 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 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>