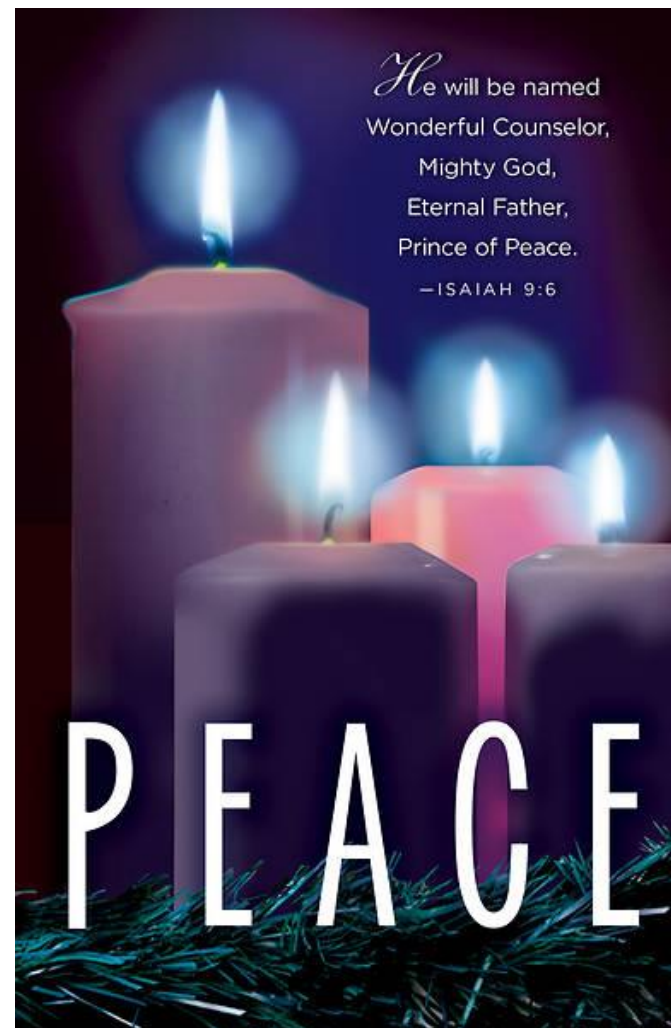


# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873  
December 5, 2021



## December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE

\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

\*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 PEACE**

Last week we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath, the candle of Hope.

**We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will surely come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.**

The second candle of Advent is the candle of Peace. Peace is one of the things that we hope for.

**Christ brought peace when he first came to us and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.**

The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace." When Jesus came, he taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

**We light the candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and that through him peace is found. Peace is more than the absence of fighting and conflict; the peace of the presence of God is a deep sense of well-being that rests in a restored, right relationship with Him that stretches out to include others, and all of creation as well.**

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS (Hymnal p. 38)

Joe and Susan Firimonte

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

THE STORY of JESUS as TOLD THROUGH LUKE 2

Luke 2:1-7

*Molly Kate Vyskocil*

*"Little Drummer Boy"*

Luke 2:8-20

*Pierce Rhodes*

*"Do You Hear What I Hear"*

Luke 2:21-40

*Clare Anderson*

*"Big House"*

Luke 2:41-52

*Matthew Tanner*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 246**

*Joy to the World*

\*BENEDICTION

\*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 28, 2021

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

Unified budget received \$6,558.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$676,271.52

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$521,463.22

### Attendance

Worship 151 Sunday School 61

### On Line Viewing

115

## 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,

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 – Randy Hilliard (Lead)  
John Hood, Ron Joye, Bob Kuenzli

**Sound Booth:** Cory Anderson

**Trustee:** Keith Corley

**Acolyte:** Sandra Sills

**Nursery:** Sheri Hood, Kendall Smith

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

## Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to  
**Patty Bagwell** and family upon the death of her father,  
**Monroe Shealy.**

## Thank You!

Today 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 **tonight 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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 McFaddin. 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 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## Confirmation Information

We will begin Confirmation Class for everyone in the church, **6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.*

**201 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on November 30<sup>th</sup>**

## 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](http://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**

## Please Print

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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, December 5**

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

**Tuesday, December 7**

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

**Wednesday, December 8**

7:00 A.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
 12:00 P.M. . . . . Blood Drive  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 9**

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

**Saturday, December 11**

9:00 A.M. . . . . Bazaar  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

**Sunday, December 12**

9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
 3:30 P.M. . . . . Parents Confirmation Meeting  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Group  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Advent Bible Study

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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call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*

### **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>