

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

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The color white is used today to represent the guiding light of Christ.

PRELUDE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

“Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

We gather now as a community of faith in God’s subversive world. We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light.

We gather to remember that love will always be more powerful than death, and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.

Come and let us worship together.

We worship as people of faith in the light of God’s world.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, may we have the faith and insight of the Wise Men, who, when faced with an ancient hope of a foreign people and the appearance of a remarkable star, grasped the connection, and went and followed that star. We stand now at the border of a new year, which is to us like an unknown country. Lead us, like the Wise Men, on a quest of faithfulness and worship, of hopefulness and giving, and always unto Yourself. Amen.

*HYMN 219

What Child Is This

A TIME OF PRAYER

ANTHEM

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*HYMN 254

We Three Kings

PROCLAMATION

“This Changes Everything”

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 245

The First Noel

*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.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower, Joyce Cook, Dot Corley, 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 – Ted Hornsby
Will Bowers, Jim Lewis
Sound Booth: Stephen Page
Trustee: Betsy Goodale
Acolyte: Thomas Brewton
Nursery: Martina Thomas, Kendall Smith

*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 Pathfinders Sunday School Class in honor of Salem's Youth.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Carey Page** and family upon the death of his mother, **Jeanette Page**.

Welcome!

We welcome our newest member to the Salem UMC family, **Dot Corley**. Dot is the mother of Keith Corley. She joins by way of transfer from another denomination. If you would like to send her a note of welcome, here is her address:

Generations of Irmo
7142 Woodrow St.
Room 110
Irmo, SC 29063

Assisting with Communion

Communion is a sacred sacrament of the United Methodist Church and the distribution of the elements is one of several discipleship opportunities Salem would like to extend to its members. Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in assisting Pastor Jeff with the sacrament of holy communion, we encourage your participation and ask you to place your name on the **sign-up sheet located in the Welcome Center**. Pastor Jeff will contact you prior to your participation to ensure you are adequately prepared.

OASIS - January 18th at 11:30

Hard to believe we are already entered into a new year! Kick it off right by joining our Oasis (previously known as our Over 50's ministry) group as we take some concentrated 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.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

For any ladies that just want to get together for fellowship time over lunch, we will meet **Monday, January 24** at Zorba's on St. Andrews at 12:00.

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, January 2

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:30 P.M. Confirmation Class
5:00 P.M. Youth

Monday, January 3

6:00 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Faith Circle @ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 4

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 5

10:30 A.M. Cavin, Joy, Love Circle Meeting
7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 8

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, January 9

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:30 P.M. Confirmation Class
4:30 P.M. Children's Council Meeting
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>