

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
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People  
prioritize what  
they value.

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## September Sermon Series: *Priorities*

Based on Matthew 6:33  
"Seek first the kingdom of God and his  
righteousness, and all these things will be  
given to you as well."

Today's Message: *Lost and Found*

September 11, 2022  
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*The color green is used to denote growth, reminding us of our  
journey of growing in discipleship and faith.*

### PRELUDE

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

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 405** *Seek Ye First*  
"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all  
these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock,  
and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!"

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Luke 15:1-10)  
God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;  
**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us  
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;  
**let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;  
let us worship God together.**

### \*PRAYER OF APPROACH

Let us pray:  
**Lord, help us this day to follow you wherever you might lead.  
Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.  
Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way. May you be the  
one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold,  
the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold. Lord, help us to  
follow you wherever you might lead. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 732** *Come, We That Love the Lord*

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

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

ANTHEM *My Shepherd*

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

\*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-10

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*We invite children of all ages to come forth for the children's moment.*

**\*HYMN 381** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *In Our Waking*  
**We believe in a God who is always with us, shaping us and  
directing our path. May God be the first thing that enters our  
head: In our waking and arising, in our eating and drinking, in  
our walking and journeying, in our working and serving, in our  
sowing and harvesting, in our rejoicing and sorrowing, in our  
resting and sleeping; be the first thought that enters our head,  
O Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 2214** *Lead Me, Guide 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.*

## *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!*

**Church on the Lake**  
**September 11, 2022**  
**8:30 Worship**

Gathering Time and Music

**\*Choral Call to Worship** *Seek Ye First*  
“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!”

Welcome and Grace of Hospitality

Opening Prayer

**\*Song 1** *Come, We That Love the Lord*  
1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.  
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.  
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.  
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

**\*Song 2** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.  
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10

Message

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Offering

**\*Song 3** *Lead Me, Guide Me*  
1. I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour; Let me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain:*  
*Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness; Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

3. I am lost, if you take your hand from me; I am blind, without Thy Light to see; Lord, just always let me Thy servant be, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*Post-Service Music

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**FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Come early (8:15am) each week and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

- We bid you a warm welcome this morning. We hope you will join us regularly during the summer and will tell others about this service.
- Please also consider joining us for Sunday School at 9:30am and Sunday Worship Services in our sanctuary at 10:30am at Salem United Methodist Church at the corner of Hwy. 6 and Salem Church Road in Irmo, SC.

**Rev. Jeff Childress**

If you are visiting with us today and would like additional information about Salem United Methodist Church, please fill out the following and place it in the offering basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE**

**Week of August 28, 2022**

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$13,941.58  
Unified budget received \$8,411.00

**Week of September 4, 2022**

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$13,941.58  
Unified budget received \$12,634.00  
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$501,896.88  
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$414,461.00

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>On Line Viewing</b>
Worship 148 Sunday School 55	139
(Includes 10:30 service and Church on the Lake)	

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**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:**

**Brookdale** — Mary Skenes  
**Embrace Hospice House** — Bill Oswald  
**Generations of Irmo** — Carolyn Brower, Joyce Cook, Dot Corley, Anita Weed  
**Harbison Shores** — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine  
**Lexington Extended Care** — Ray Keith  
**Lowman Home Rehab** — Gwen Parnell  
**Tyborne UCP** — Jessica Gore  
**Special Prayers** — Bob Davis, Faye Derrick, Leroy Gibson, Lee McMillan, Margie Oswald, Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Ushers:** Lead – Randy Hilliard  
Kevin Meetze  
**Sound Booth:** Mike Lambert  
**Trustee:** Sandra Durst  
**Acolyte:** Sandra Sills  
**Nursery:** Millie Fore, Maggie Brewton  
*The nursery will be available during the 10:30 worship hour.*

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**Flower Ministry**

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Francis Haltiwanger.

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**Church on the Lake Service**

Our Church on the Lake service at Woodmen of the World, 2000 Johnson Marina Rd., Chapin, is in full swing and will run through September 25<sup>th</sup>. **Join us at 8:30 am for our service.** We look forward to worshipping with you there! Rain or shine!

## Youth and Children

Labor Day has come and gone and now we can all get into our groove. The Children and Youth programs are full swing now and we have been excited to see so many different children. This week the children will go to the new Science Lab to learn about "light" and its true functions and source. Sunday Night kids will walk through "creation". It is all very hands on and interactive so don't miss it. The Youth will discuss the Flood in Sunday School but there will be no Youth Group Sunday Night because we have several youth attending the retreat to Myrtle Beach this weekend. It will be a great weekend of fun and also learning how to read the Bible with Jesus as the true source and focus of every word. Next week will be cooking for children and the Youth will be back to their regular meetings.

## Ongoing Ways to Support the Church

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. The **flower calendar** is also located 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.

## Children's Church Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help lead Children's Church during worship service. This is the time when our younger children, ages 3- 7 leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Moment and learn about the sermon of the day with a fun, interactive activity. We use Sermon4Kids for the Children's Sermon during Children's Church, and the lessons will be provided each week. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please reach out to P.J. Garrett at [garrett.patriciaj@gmail.com](mailto:garrett.patriciaj@gmail.com) or via phone at (803)743-5648.

## OASIS

Our OASIS ministry will kick off their year of events on **Tuesday, September 20 at 11:30** with an Italian meal catered by Olive Garden. We will have our choice of Lasagna or fettucine alfredo along with salad, breadsticks, tea and dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$8 per person. **RSVP by Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Monday, **September 26 at 11:30 at Doza Rizen in Chapin.**

## Salem Ringers

Are you interested in playing handbells? The Salem Ringers are looking for you! Our handbell choir provides special music for worship once a month. **We will resume our practice schedule today at 4:00 PM in the basement.** No previous experience is required. If you have any questions, you may speak to any member of the handbell choir or contact the director, James David Lindler, at 803-603-6417.

## Self Defense Class

Community Outreach will host a Self Defense Class immediately following worship on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** from 12:15-2:30 in the fellowship Hall. The cost of the class is \$10 and includes a boxed lunch. Call the office to RSVP and bring a friend!

## End Alzheimer's

We are looking for volunteers to join a team to raise money and help put an end to Alzheimer's. Amy Bundrick's mom passed away from Alzheimer's at the age of 59 in 2018. Amy is sponsoring a team and welcomes any support. **A walk will be help at Segra Park, 1640 Freed Street, Columbia, SC 29201 on Saturday, Oct. 8.** The name of the team is Nancy and registration starts at 9am with an opening ceremony at 9:45 am. Any questions or additional information can be obtained by contacting Amy Bundrick directly at 803-497-1015. Donations will be accepted.

## Epworth Children's Home

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

## Transitions

The Columbia District United Women in Faith is collecting **needed items for Transitions**. Transition's mission is to engage and equip homeless adults of the Midland's to transition into stability and permanent housing. It is the only center to provide homeless adults both day services with a place to spend the day and residential services. Men, women and children are all accepted. For more information on this mission, visit Transitions website at [transitionssc.org](http://transitionssc.org). Below is a list of needed items. If you would like to help with this project, please place your items in the box in the Welcome Center. All items collected will be taken to the district Meeting in September. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

### Wish List *Sample or travel size*

*Shampoo, Conditioner, Small first aid kits, Soap/ body wash, Lotion, Small sewing kits, Deodorant, Individual packages of facial tissue, disposable razors and shaving cream packets, individually wrapped toothbrushes and travel size toothpaste.*

## Stop the Bleed

Union UMC will be hosting a class called **Stop the Bleed on September 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Union UMC**. With most injuries, people die because the bleeding was not stopped. It is a health and safety class on the correct use of tourniquets and how to stop bleeding. We wanted to extend the offer to the members of Salem as well. Prisma Health will be conducting the training. To register, please call Erin Schoolmeester @ 803-781-3013. There is no cost and the training will take approximately 1 hour.

## Study of the Gospel of Mark

The Tuesday morning Precept class will begin the study of the **Gospel of Mark on Tuesday, September, 20<sup>th</sup>** and run for 9 sessions. This gospel was written for the Romans, and it emphasizes Jesus' day to day activities, his interactions with all types of people along the way, his servitude to anyone and everyone. He is shown as God's servant, sent here to minister to suffering people and die for the sins of the world.

It is important to us today, because his life was the perfect example of what ours should be. He modeled for us how we should treat others, and how we should view ourselves in relation to others. Join us as we explore in depth the ideal, daily Christian life. Learn more about yourself, and how you can become more Christlike in your Christian walk.

If you would like to join us, please contact Dolly Kent at 803-240-2831 by text, or call as soon as possible, so that I can have your workbook ordered in time for the first class. Everyone is welcome!

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, September 11

8:30 A.M. . . . . Church on the Lake  
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Nominations Meeting Conference Room  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Salem Ringers  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Quest Children  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Adult Education Meeting Seekers Class  
5:00 P.M. . . . . **No** Youth  
6:00 P.M. . . . . Outreach Zoom Meeting

### Monday, September 12

6:00 P.M. . . . . Girl Scouts  
6:30 P.M. . . . . Faith Circle @ Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, September 13

12:00 P.M. . . . . Blood Drive  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Wednesday, September 14

7:00 A.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
10:30 A.M. . . . . Staff Meeting  
7:00 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice

### Thursday, September 15

6:00 P.M. . . . . Women's Bible Study  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Saturday, September 17

10:00 A.M. . . . . Nurse's Honor Guard  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Sunday, September 18

8:30 A.M. . . . . Church on the Lake  
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Nominations Meeting Conference Room  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Salem Ringers  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Quest Children  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth

## Sharing God's Love

Our current needs: Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Oatmeal, Grits, Tea, Small Coffee, Juice, Flour, Sugar, Pasta Dinners, Pasta Sauce, Boxed Baking: Cornbread, Cake Mix, Frosting, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs (Lunch Can), Elbow Pasta, Boxed Pasta Dinners (No Mac 'n Cheese please) Baked Beans, SNACKS: Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Raisins, Lance Crackers and Chips.

Immediate Needs: Peanut Butter, Jelly, 1" 3-ring binders with clear view cover (solid colors), Face masks, Grocery Bags, School Supplies, Towels and King and Queen Size Bedding (new or gently used accepted).

*Drop off containers are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office lobby and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.*

**35 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on August 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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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*In case of an emergency,  
call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*



## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Jeff Childress — Pastor

William Byrd — Pianist

P. J. Garrett — Director of Children's Ministries

Sarah E. High — Director of Music

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>