

Salem United
Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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: *Choose One or the Other*

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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**
Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.
We gather to worship with joy and in hope.
Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.
We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.
Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.
**We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct
our vision.**
Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.
We are here to worship with all that we are.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Let us pray:
**O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be
a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught
us: "No one can serve two masters." Give us strength and
courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your
kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us
also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have
with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 354** *I Surrender All*

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR 3RD GRADERS

Molly Kate Shealy
William Preston Price

Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They
tell us who we are. They tell that we belong to one another, for

we are the people of God. Receive these Bibles with your hands,
your hearts, and your minds. Read and study these Bibles
together.

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God
will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in
your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

The Word of God is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our
path. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

ANTHEM *Seek Ye First*

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

*GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 16:1-13*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

***HYMN 433** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

PROCLAMATION *Sermon Series: Priorities*
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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 2065** *More Precious than Silver*

*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.*

Church on the Lake
September 18, 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** *I Surrender All*
1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain:
I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow, worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now. *(Refrain)*

3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine; fill me with thy love and power; truly know that thou art mine. *(Refrain)*

4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me. *(Refrain)*

5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame. O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory, to his name! *(Refrain)*

***Song 2** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*
1. All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless.

2. In your day of loss and sorrow, In your day of helpless strife, honor, peace, and love retreating, Seek the lord, who is your life.

3. In your day of wrath and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, “work ye yet while it is day.”

4. For all days are days of judgment, and the lord is waiting still, drawing near to all who spurn him, offering peace from Calvary’s hill.

5. Risen Lord! Shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our judge, our glory; be its name, “the Lord is there!”

Gospel Lesson Luke 16:1-13

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Offering

***Song 3** *More Precious than Silver*
Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold. Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.

*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 September 11, 2022

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$13,941.58

Unified budget received \$10,823.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$515,838.46

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$425,284.00

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 150 Sunday School 48 (Includes 10:30 service and Church on the Lake)	121
Epworth \$1383.00	

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

Rice Estates Assisted Living — Barbara Rolin

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Hugh Baker, Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson,

Lee McMillan, Margie Oswald,

Bill Rolin, Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Randy Hilliard
Kevin Meetze

Sound Booth: Mike Lambert

Trustee: Sandra Durst

Acolyte: Rachel Rhodes

Nursery: Ashley Anderson, Kenzie Griner

The nursery will be available during the 10:30 worship hour.

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Leroy and Mary Ann Gibson in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Pat Parke upon her death.

Youth and Children

The Children and Youth are still running full speed ahead. We are learning through science and through hands-on experiences in nature about Creation. The youth just returned from a great weekend of fun while learning all about how to read the Bible as a story of God's Love for us no matter what. We will continue all of this fun and more with both children and youth in the coming weeks with guests visiting, cooking in the kitchen and much much more. Every week is different so come and see all that is going on.

Youth Info

Summer Youth Leadership Conference Interest meeting Sunday, September 25. If your youth will be in 9th - 12th grade next school year, they are invited to join us on a trip to Daytona Beach, Florida in the summer of 2023. This is a Youth Conference that the Methodist Church does every four years and includes every youth group in the United States and even a few from other countries. We will have an interest meeting at 6:00p.m. in the Youth area for all youth and their parents on Sunday Night, Sept. 25. Make plans to join us to find out more about this trip.

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 15th.**

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 practice today at 4:00 PM in the downstairs room.** 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.

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.**

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 held 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.

Beginner Line Dancing Class

There will be a beginner line dancing class starting **October 6 at 2 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall.** If you want to learn a few dances but didn't know where to start, this is the class for you. The class will go for an hour to an hour and a half for five weeks. We are wanting to keep the class small so we are limiting the number to 20 ladies. If you would like to sign up please contact Millie at 803-920-5261 by text or phone call. There is no cost.



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, 20th** 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. Everyone is welcome!

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 or via phone at (803)743-5648.

Church on the Lake Service

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

Monday, September 19

10:30 A.M. United Women in Faith Executive Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 A.M. Precept Bible Study
11:30 A.M. OASIS
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

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

Thursday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 24

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, September 25

8:30 A.M. Last Church on the Lake
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:00 P.M. Youth / Children Council Meeting
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
6:00 P.M. Youth Trip Parent Meeting

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 9th.

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
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

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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>

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!