

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: *The Time Is Now*

September 25, 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**

We are here to worship a remarkable God.

The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.

The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.

Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

In this place the love of God overflows our hearts; the grace of Christ liberates our spirits; the joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 103** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

FIRST READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

ANTHEM *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:19-31

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

***HYMN 2178** *Here Am I*

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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 413** *A Charge to Keep I Have*

*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 25, 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** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

***Song 2** *Here Am I*

1. Here am I, where underneath the bridges of our winter cities homeless people sleep. Here am I, where in decaying houses little children shiver, crying at the cold. Where are you?

2. Here am I, with people in the lineup, anxious for a handout, aching for a job. Here am I, when pensioners and strikers sing and march together, wanting something new. Where are you?

3. Here am I, where two or three are gathered, ready to be altered, sharing wine and bread. Here am I, where those who hear the preaching change their way of living, find the way to life. Where are you?

First Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel Lesson Luke 16:19-31

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Offering

Sacrament of Holy Communion with Sung Responses

Response 1:

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Response 2:

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Response 3:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Response 4:

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

***Song 3** *A Charge to Keep I Have*

1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

2. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

3. Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Post-Service Music

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WORDS OF WELCOME

We bid you a warm welcome this morning. 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 18, 2022

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

Unified budget received \$5,918.42

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$529,780.04

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$431,202.42

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 178 Sunday School 30	169
(Includes 10:30 service and Church on the Lake)	
Epworth Workday offering total to date \$1883.00	

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: Clare Anderson

Nursery: Sheri Hood, PJ Garrett

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 and in loving memory of Nancy Spence, mother of Jenny Stalvey, grandmother of Heather Tanner, GiGi of Claire and Matthew Tanner, to honor her 100th birthday on September 28th.

The Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, to draft a 2023 church budget.

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.**

Youth and Children

Calling All Children!!! Calling All Children!!!! We have Children's Worship Sunday coming up very soon. We hope to have as many children of Salem UMC involved as possible. However, it will be set up much differently than before so it would really benefit coming and checking out all of the new Sunday School and Sunday Night Set ups. Come check us out at 9:30 on Sunday Mornings and 5:00 Sunday Afternoons. Come see things like last night where we saw exactly how well Noah's Ark would fit on our church property. This week we will see how we find God in a department store.

Youth are off and running and we will meet with Mrs. Lou and Mr. John this Sunday morning and then Sunday night we will have youth followed by a meeting for all youth and their parents interested in going to Daytona Beach Florida this coming summer. This meeting will be at **6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.** We will discuss the trip, expectations, and all details pertaining to it. This is for all youth who are currently in 8th - 11th grade.

Flu/Covid Vaccine and Booster Clinic

A flu/covid vaccine clinic will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 9 in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour and after the worship service.** We will offer the flu vaccine, the Covid vaccination and both the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent booster(s) as well. Please be sure to bring your driver's license and applicable insurance card. A short-sleeve shirt/top is also recommended. We thank Greg Mayer in advance for his willingness to provide this for our Salem family each year and hope you will take advantage of this "in-house" opportunity!

Ecuador Mission Trip Meeting

Things are finally opening back up for Mission Trip and we are looking to take a return trip to Ecuador in late June of 2023. We will have a meeting in the Seekers Class on **Sunday, October 9 right after the 10:30 service.** If you are interested in going, please make sure to attend this meeting. The trip will be open to anyone who will be 15 and above by the trip date. John Goodale will lead this meeting to answer any questions and discuss the details as we have them right now. We hope to see many of you there.

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.

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.

It's Tailgate time!

Join our Oasis ministry on **October 18th at 11:30** for our "tailgate" themed event! It's your chance to wear your favorite team colors and bring your favorite tailgate item to share with the group as we share in a time of fellowship and fun together. You may even get an opportunity to *respectfully* "showcase your team!" Please be sure to call the church office to RSVP and indicate the item you plan to bring! We look forward to hearing from you!

Church on the Lake

We would like to **thank every volunteer** that helped make Church on the Lake such a blessing. There was a good crowd with some new faces that we hope to continue seeing at the 10:30 service. Thanks to all who helped set up chairs, helped with food and coffee, helped greet and hand out bulletins, provided our paper products, brought special decorations, took up offering and counted for attendance. It takes a team working together to make it possible... **So, thank you very much.** A special thank you to Woodmen of the World again allowing Salem to use this beautiful area for the summer. It is an amazing place to worship. Thank you, Marie Wicker, for preparing and printing our bulletins each week. Thank you, Jeff Childress, for bringing the message. Thank you, Sarah High and Matthew Smith, for sharing their musical talent.

We appreciate you all,
Phillip and Millie Fore

College Students

We at Salem want our college students to feel the love! Several times throughout the school year we send goodie packages along with a note to our college students so they know their church is praying for them. Help us not leave anyone out by updating your student's address. Many students on our list have probably graduated so we will use the updated addresses only. You can email Natalie Hilliard at arhnwh@yahoo.com or contact the church office with your addresses.



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!

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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.Salem Ringers
4:00 P.M.Quest Children
5:00 P.M.Youth
6:00 P.M.Youth Trip Parent Meeting

Monday, September 26

11:30 A.M.Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Doza Rizen
7:00 P.M.Missions Meeting Seekers Class

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 A.M.Precept Bible Study
7:00 P.M.Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M.AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

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

Saturday, October 1

7:00 P.M.AA Meeting

Sunday, October 2

9:30 A.M.Sunday School
10:30 A.M.Morning Worship
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 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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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

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<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>