

Salem United Methodist Church

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Infographic: From Generation to Generation...Advent Series - A Sanctified Art.



Genealogy of Christ by Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Matthew 1:1-47

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 211** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1)*

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 / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

(Written by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)
In God's house, everyone is welcome—those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart.

No matter who we are, there's room for us here.

We who feel scattered are held together.

We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.

From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Let us pray:

God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us—ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow—old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

***HYMN 569** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

**THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT
CANDLE OF HOPE**

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

TIME OF PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY 95**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM

Morning of Promise

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 1:1-17

***HYMN 207**

Prepare the Way of the Lord

PROCLAMATION

Advent Series: *From Generation to Generation*

Today's Message: *There's Room for Every Story*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT**

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We believe in God, who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 192**

There's a Spirit in the Air

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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!

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of November 20, 2022

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

Unified budget received \$7,690.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$655,254.26

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$525,403.16

Attendance

Worship 133 Sunday School 63

On Line Viewing

148

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 — Beverley Bouknight, Freddie Butler,

Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson, Donald & Miriam Grooms,

Lee McMillan, Margie Oswald, Bill Rolin,

Shirley Santopadre, Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – David Thomas

John Hood

David Schmidt

Brandon Stutts

Sound Booth: Stephen Page

Trustee: Mike Haas

Acolyte: Rachel Rhodes

Nursery: Claressa Poppell, P.J. 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 honor of the choir by Inez Hyatt.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Daisy Massey upon the death of her brother, Alton Gibson.

Youth and Children

We would love all members of the church to mark their calendars for Sunday, December 4, as our youth will be a part of the Living Christmas Story at Union UMC. They will be villagers on the "A" shift so we would love everyone to come support them as well as another local ministry by a fellow Methodist Church. The following week the Children will be joining in with the Christmas Cantata with the Choir as they act out Luke 2. The Youth will also be doing numerous other activities such as collecting toys for the Children's Hospital and setting out Luminaries on Christmas Eve. We hope all will support our children and youth as they will be all over the church in the month of December.

Saturday, December 10th, the Youth at Salem UMC will be holding a **fundraiser during the Craft Bazaar**. They will be selling hot dog lunches for \$5 to raise money for their leadership trip to Florida this summer. The bag will include hot dog (chili), chips, drink and sweat treat. We would love to also sell baked goods by the people of Salem UMC. If you have a great item that you like to bake and would be willing to make it and donate it to the youth to sell to raise money at the Craft Bazaar, please contact Autumnne Smith at Autumnesmith452@gmail.com.

Our Newsletter is Going Digital!

Following recent conversations with the Salem UMC staff and Church Council, **beginning in January 2023**, we will be primarily offering our monthly newsletter electronically, as a way to be better stewards of our resources. This will greatly reduce the use of paper, toner, postage, and time. We will still be offering printed newsletters for those who do not have a way to receive them electronically. If you need to continue to receive a paper copy, please contact the church office and let us know.

OASIS Christmas

Join us for a Christmas concert performance by Dawn Smith Jordan on Tuesday, Dec 13th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy lunch together followed by the concert. Oasis will provide chicken and all those signed up are asked to bring a side dish. Call the church office by Thursday, Dec 8th to RSVP and share an item you would like to bring.

Join Us for our 2022 Advent Bible Study

During the season of Advent, Pastor Jeff will be facilitating an **Advent Study based on Adam Hamilton's, *Prepare the Way for the Lord Bible Study***. This study explores the Advent themes of the life and ministry of John the Baptist, and how it is intertwined with the story of Jesus, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts and lives for his coming. The study will begin this evening **from 5:00pm - 6:00pm**, and will continue each Sunday through December 18. Please contact the church office or Jeff if you plan to attend.

Christmas Mission Project

This holiday season at SUMC we will be supporting the Prisma Health Children's Hospital Child Life Holiday Market. Donations are used to set up a "store" for inpatient families, and parents/caregivers are provided with tickets to redeem for gifts. The Holiday Market enables parents/caregivers to "shop" for holiday gifts and have them wrapped by the Child Life Specialists without having to leave the hospital. The Child Life department assists children from birth thru the teenage years so there is a wide-range of shopping opportunities – a list of their current biggest needs is provided below. Please be mindful that the infection control policy requires that all donations must be NEW with original tags and/or packaging and unfortunately, they cannot accept socks. In order to support this mission, **we ask that all donations be left unwrapped and placed in the Narthex by Sunday, December 11th**.

Craft Bazaar

We are planning to have the Bazaar this year on **December 10 from 9 - 2**. If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor let Millie Fore (803-920-5261) or Sandra Durst (803-600-6206) know and they will send you the registration and information. We are excited to be able to do this indoors this time.

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.



Light Up the Night

Honor your loved ones by reserving your luminary bag by Sunday, December 11. A commemorative bulletin insert will be printed for the Christmas Eve Service.

Please note: *Names received after Dec. 11 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

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You may add additional names on a separate sheet. The funds will assist in offsetting costs for the Youth Leadership Conference. The youth trip will be in the Summer of 2023.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, November 27

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Salem Ringers
 4:00 P.M. **NO** Quest Children
 5:00 P.M. **NO** Youth
 5:00 P.M. Advent Bible Study

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 8:00 A.M. Lifeline Screening
 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 1

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, December 3

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting
 3:00 P.M. Sanctuary Reserved

Sunday, December 4

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Sanctuary Reserved
 4:00 P.M. Salem Ringers
 4:00 P.M. **NO** Quest Children
 5:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall Reserved
 5:00 P.M. **NO** Youth
 5:00 P.M. Advent Bible Study in Seekers Classroom

Sharing God's Love

HELP!! We are currently collecting donations for our Christmas meal baskets.

\$10 - \$25 Grocery Gift Cards - for Turkeys & Pies, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Boxed or Packaged Stuffing, Gravy - Bottled or Mix Macaroni & Cheese, Rice or Rice Mix, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes, Canned Green Beans, Canned Corn, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Collard Greens, Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup, Canned or Bag Fried Onions, Cornbread Mix, Bisquick Mix, Flour, Pickles, Olives, Coffee & Creamer, Tea & Sugar, Paper Products, Paper Towels or Napkins Storage Bags (no zip) and Trash Bags all Sizes.

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

**353 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on November 16th.
 158 of those items were collected at the OASIS event along with \$60
 in gift cards and a donation of \$300**

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

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>