

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

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*The color green us used during the season of Epiphany to
represent our growing in
knowledge and faith through the revelation of God in Christ.*

PRELUDE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 2095** *Star-Child(vs2)*
*Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know, this year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

My friends, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

God has put a new song in our mouths, placed a new melody on our tongues.

The love of Jesus, the Lamb of God, be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the shape of your Kingdom. Show us what life could be like if only we could see in wisdom. Show us what we could do to change things forever with you. Give us courage to have a vision and to 'Come and see'. Amen.

***HYMN 140** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY 95**

ANTHEM *Lamb of God*

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

*GOSPEL LESSON *John 1:29-42*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

***HYMN 2130** *The Summons*

PROCLAMATION *The Power of Invitation*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This We Believe

— written by Bruce Prewer, on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#).

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe. Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 580**

Lead On, O King Eternal

*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 January 8, 2023

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,137.77

Unified budget received \$8,064.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$28,275.54

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$18,486.00

Attendance

Worship 152 Sunday School 62

On Line Viewing

150

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

Lowman Home Rehab — Gwen Parnell

Rice Estates Assisted Living — Barbara Rolin

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Freddie Butler,

Bob Davis, Shirley Hart, Leroy Gibson,

Miriam Grooms, Lee McMillan, Margie Oswald,

Bill Rolin, Shirley Santopadre,

Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Ted Hornsby

Will Bowers

John Goodale

Randy Hilliard

Jim Lewis

Trustee: Betsy Goodale

Acolyte: Pierce Rhodes

Nursery: Claressa Poppell

Kenzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dolly Kent our beloved teacher by the Precept Bible Study Class.

How to Receive Salem UMC's Monthly Newsletter

In order to be better stewards of resources and time, we are now offering our monthly newsletter electronically. You have the option of accessing the newsletter either by logging into our website (salemumcsc.com), or having it emailed to you. If you prefer email, please contact the church office and let us know. If you do not have a way to receive the newsletter electronically, let us know and we can still provide you with a paper copy.

2023 Flower Calendar

The 2023 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.*

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes have arrived for 2023! They are in the Welcome Center.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Monday, **January 30 at 12:00 at El Poblano's in Chapin.**

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.

January OASIS Event Jan 17th at 11:30

Soups and Bingo are on the agenda for our January event of 2023! Janet Haas and her team will prepare some delicious soups for us to enjoy and we will bring back our fun Bingo games along with some gift card prizes to be awarded! The only thing you are required to do is **RSVP** one week prior to the event and bring an idea of what you'd like to do for our "mystery event" in April. Our activities are planned for the year with the exception of the month of April and we'd like your feedback. The idea with the most votes wins so come prepared to share your thoughts!

Sharing God's Love

We want to thank you for your support. You're an Angel! Sharing God's Love Received an Angel Award from the SC State Treasurer in recognition of the good works happening at Sharing God's Love. Your support is an important part of the work that happens here every day. You are Angels too!

As always, we are so thankful for the Blessings we receive through your generosity all year long!

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

210 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on December 16th.

*A special thanks to the Seekers and Pathfinders Sunday School
Classed for \$500 in gift cards.*

Learning How to Better Use Your Personal Devices

On **Sunday, Feb 19 from 4:30 - 6:00p.m.** The youth will set up in the Fellowship Hall at different tables and they will be there to assist anyone interested in learning how to better use their personal devices such as their iphones, ipads, tablets, etc. This is more directed towards senior adults as some have told me several times that they "Can't figure these darn things out!!". I had one approach me who did not know they could text on their phone and had over 600 unread texts that they did not know about.

I would like to encourage people to come and learn how to do more with what they have.

This is something that is no charge, no fundraiser, nothing like that. It is strictly a service being provided by the youth.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, January 15

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Children
5:00 P.M. Youth

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

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

Thursday, January 19

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 21

10:00 A.M. Nurses Honor Guard
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, January 22

8:00 A.M. UMM Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Children
5:00 P.M. Youth

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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The office will be closed on Monday, January 16th,
for the holiday.

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>

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