

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Sermon Series: *The Games People Play* Part 1: *Stop Playing Games*

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

PRELUDE *Come, Christians Join To Sing* Salem Ringers

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 2095 *Star-Child(vs3)*

Grown child, old child, memory full of years, sad child, lost child, story told in tears, this year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.
Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.

We practice our faith in many different ways.

Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.

We render different forms of ministry.

Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.

Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together as one.

Praise be to God!

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 545 *The Church's One Foundation*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

ANTHEM *Come Now and Follow Me*

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

*HYMN 261 *Lord of the Dance*

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 2137
Would I Have Answered When You Called

*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 15, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$15,162.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$42,413.31

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$33,648.01

Attendance

Worship 149 Sunday School 71

On Line Viewing

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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

Lowman Home Rehab — Gwen Parnell

Rice Estates Assisted Living — Barbara Rolin

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson,

Miriam Grooms, Francis Haltiwanger, Shirley Hart,

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: Matthew Tanner

Nursery: PJ Garrett

Maggie Brewton

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Tina Overton's birthday on January 26th by Betty Cullipher.

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.**

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.*

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.

Offering Envelopes

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

The Chosen Season 2 Bible Study

Beginning: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM 9 Weeks

Room: Fellowship Classroom

Please email (hmagann@gmail.com) or text (843-446-7280) Heather Magann if you would like to sign up for the study or if you have any questions.



Celebrating 150 Years Salem United Methodist Church

This year, we will be celebrating Salem United Methodist Church's Sesquicentennial birthday throughout the year! This special celebration will include events, historical moments, shared stories and memories, all culminating with Homecoming to take place in September. Be sure to read the February newsletter for details and ways that you will be able to participate in this historic event.

Salem United Women in Faith - Morning Circles
Cavin, Joy, and Love Circles will meet on **Wednesday, February 1, at 10:30 A.M.** in the Seekers Classroom. All members of these three circles are urged to attend this meeting. We will consider plans for combining the three circles into one joint morning circle. Your input is important as we consider this merger.

We also will accept pledge money from those members who were unable to meet in January.

OASIS

A big thank you to Janet Haas and friends for providing our soups at our last Oasis event! Our group is continuing to grow and we encourage everyone to reach out and extend an invitation to participate in our ongoing opportunities!

Join us again on **Tuesday, February 21 at 11:30** as we enjoy a pot luck meal and some entertainment by "Chuck Knows Church!" Call the church office at 781-1626 to let us know that you'll be attending and the item you plan to bring by Wednesday February 15th. We look forward to hearing from you and enjoying a fun time of fellowship together!

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 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

Tuesday, January 24

9:00 A.M. Precept Bible Study
6:00 P.M. Trustee Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 28

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, January 29

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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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>