

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Series: *Learning to Live Inside Out*

Part 1: *If You Fall Down...*

February 26, 2023
1st Sunday of Lent

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Purple is a color of penitence and is used to reflect the preparatory season of Lent.

PRELUDE

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (vs1)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

For those who feel Christ near,

May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Let us pray:

O God, you offer us so much, You have called us to your ways, You have given us the gift of family, You have given us countless blessings, forgive us for any time we have taken your love for granted. And now, gracious God, be merciful to us in our sin and indifference, through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 369

Blessed Assurance

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

ANTHEM

Draw Me Near the Cross

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

*HYMN 377

It Is Well with My Soul

PROCLAMATION

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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 267

O Love, How Deep

*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 February 19, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$11,720.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$113,102.16

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$104,858.52

Attendance

Worship 162 Sunday School 82

On Line Viewing

174

Total for Epworth Renovations \$2185

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Mary Skenes

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,

Joyce Cook, Dot Corley, Anita Weed

Harbison Shores — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine

Lowman Home Rehab — Gwen Parnell

NHC Northeast — Inez Hyatt

Rice Estates Assisted Living — Barbara Rolin

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Freddie Butler, Janice Catoe,

Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson, Miriam Grooms,

Shirley Hart, Lee McMillan, Margie Oswald,

Bill Rolin, Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – Ryan Cole

Charles Cole

Ben Rainey

Bill Sills

Trustee:

Steven Smith

Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

Acolyte:

Peyton Baker

Nursery:

Ashley Anderson, Kenzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of their nephew, Keith Maciejewski by David and Nancy Schmidt.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Tuesday, **February 28 at 12:00 at Golden Bay Seafood on St. Andrews Road.**



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 newsletters for details and ways you will be able to participate in these historic events.

Youth Group Sunday Night

There will be a change in location for Youth Group this week. All youth are to meet at the Cole's House at 7554 Irmo Drive Columbia SC 29212. We will be having a Bonfire with S'mores and enjoying Fellowship and brief devotion. Make sure you come to their house and not the church this week.

The Chosen Season 2 Bible Study

Started Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6 – 7:30 PM 9 Weeks in the 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.

OASIS

Our March event will be packed with lots of goodies so plan to join us on **Tuesday, March 21 at 11:30**. Our guest speaker will be Shari Selke, Executive Director of Sharing God's Love. We will also enjoy a St. Patty's Day themed meal of corned beef and cabbage from Tim Scott catering. The cost of the meal will be \$6. We will also have a Lucky Pot of Gold Drawing that you won't want to miss. Attendees are asked to bring a donation to Sharing God's Love to assist in their Mother's Day mission project. Items requested are: Boxes of Cheerios, graham crackers and gold fish as well as larger diapers, size 3-4 toddler size. All canned goods are accepted as well. **Please call the church office to say you'll be there by Wednesday, March 15th.**

Outdoor Bazaar

Faith Circle will have an Outdoor Bazaar on **April 29, 2023** from 9 - 2 in the Salem parking lot. If you would like to be a vendor or know someone that would like to be, please contact Millie Fore 803-920-5261 or Sandra Durst 803-600-6206.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Salem UMC will be offering Safe Sanctuary Training for everyone who is interested in working with Children, Youth and Vulnerable adults. The Training will be held on Sunday, March 5 from 4:00 - 5:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The training lasts for three years so it is time for everyone in Salem UMC to go through the training again. We will also have to update our background checks at this time so be prepared to share information that is needed to complete these checks. If you plan to help with any Youth or Children's Sunday School, nursery, Sunday nights, and Vacation Bible School, please make plans to attend as these training sessions will only take place a couple of times.

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 (saalemumcsc.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.**

Beginner Line Dancing Class

There will be a beginner line dancing class starting **March 9 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.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, February 26

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. Adult Education Meeting
4:00 P.M. Children
5:00 P.M. Youth @ Cole's House

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 A.M. Truthseekers Bible Study
12:00 P.M. Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Golden Bay Seafood
6:00 P.M. Bible Study
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
10:30 A.M. Salem Morning Circle @ Seekers Class
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 2

6:30 P.M. LMA Meeting @ Seekers Class
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 4

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, March 5

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

Sharing God's Love

Current Pantry Needs: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti, Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, Lunch Combos (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc.), Chili, Pork & Beans, Canned Beans, Dry Beans, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Juice and Canned or Powdered Milk.

Other Items: New Underwear and Socks for Women, Queen and King Sheets, Bed Linens and Comforters, Blankets - all sizes, Wash Cloths, Towels, Winter Coats (all sizes), pots, pans, plates, glasses, cookware, bakeware, kitchen linens and small appliances.

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

118 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on February 2nd.

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 — Coordinator of Children/Youth Ministries
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
Dustin Tanner — Audio/Visual/Communications Director
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>