

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



Series: *Learning to Live Inside Out*

Part 4: *In the Presence*

March 19, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

PRELUDE Salem Ringers *Surrender*

\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 269

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (vs4)*

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion tide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESQUICENTENNIAL MOMENT

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

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**We are learning to follow Jesus.**

On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**

On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

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 of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge your healing and comforting presence in our lives. Open our hearts to a new way of being. Send your anointing and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs. Shine the light of your truth into our relationships and grant us victory over every secret and shame. We thank you in advance for healings and renewals in our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM

*My Shepherd Is Jehovah*

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-45

**THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

\*HYMN 2237

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

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 2137

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

\*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 March 12, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$12,345.02

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$155,515.47

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$147,519.54

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 130 Sunday School 71	104
Total for Epworth Renovations \$3544	

## 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

**Rice Estates Assisted Living** — Barbara Rolin

**Tyborne UCP** — Jessica Gore

**Special Prayers** — Freddie Butler, Janice Catoe,

Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson, Miriam Grooms, Inez Hyatt,

Lee McMillan, Bill Rolin, Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

<b>Ushers:</b>	Lead – Bill Sills Callie Dunn, Sandra Durst Melinda Hydrick, Sandra Sills
<b>Trustee:</b>	Eric Puette
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Dustin Tanner
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Matthew Tanner
<b>Nursery:</b>	Ashley Anderson, Maggie Brewton

## Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Pete and Marty Spearman.

## Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mike and Melanie Owen on the death of Melanie's mother, Shirley Hart, of Spartanburg, SC.

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Monday, **March 27 at 12:00 at Zorba's on St. Andrews Road.**

## Easter Sunday

We will hold two worship service opportunities on Easter this year. In addition to our **regular worship service at 10:30am**, Reverend Childress will lead a **sunrise service at the Church on the Lake site (Woodmen of the World) at 7:00am**. Additionally, the children will be flowering the cross during the Sunday School hour that day. If you have any flower donations to contribute to this event, please feel free to bring them during the Sunday School hour. *Families are encouraged to take their family photos at the cross before and after our 10:30 worship hour.*

## OASIS

Our March event will be packed with lots of goodies so plan to join us this **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 \$9**. 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. **RSVPs must be communicated to Tina Overton TODAY!**

## Beginner Line Dancing Class

There is a beginner line dancing class **at 2 o'clock on Thursdays 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 four more 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.

## Lifeline Screening

Salem will host another Life Line Screening event **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. Five screenings will be provided for a special package price of \$139. Look for the *pink* flyers located in the Welcome Center if you would like additional information regarding this event. To register for your appointment, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit <https://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC>.

## Special Youth Group

**Sunday, March 26 4:00 - 6:00p.m.**

ALL Youth, make plans to join us on Sunday, March 26 from 4:00 - 6:00p.m. We have been studying in March, where to find God. On this night we will take a trip to the Irmo Courthouse and be joined by a local judge, as well as our own Dr. Kenneth Carder, as they discuss Finding God in Justice. They will discuss justice and mercy from the points of view of our legal and court systems, as well as justice and mercy by God. Youth will also be able to ask any questions they may have.

We will need a few adults to help drive and join us this night. This will be a great time to learn more about justice and mercy in this time and world we live in. Special thank you also to Bill Sills for helping set this up. See everyone March 26 at 4:00p.m.

## 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.

## Epworth Project Sign-ups

We are beginning the process of signing up to take part in the upcoming Epworth Mission Project. The dates will be **April 26 - May 3**. You may sign up for a half day or all day. You can sign up for as many days as you would like. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center but you may also scan this QR Code to be directed to the sign-ups for this project.



We look forward to this project and working together as a church.

## 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](http://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.*



**Palm Sunday**  
**Egg Hunt & The Celebration of 150 Years at Salem**  
**Sunday April 2** | 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
 Salem United Methodist Church  
 In the Fellowship Hall & Outside in the Children's Area  
**Lunch - Games - Face Painting**



## "Stepping Back in Time"

Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the **Palm Sunday service on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** for a **Sesquicentennial Celebration, "Stepping Back in Time"**.

- View Salem's artifacts and memorabilia
- Listen to hymns from the first 100 years of our founding
- Participate in fun games and face painting
- Join in the Easter egg hunt
- Video booth to record your entry into the Salem diary
- Enjoy a delicious lunch (**RSVP below**)

This event will have fun for all ages!

Join us for the **Sesquicentennial Celebration on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We need to know if you plan to attend! Please indicate how many folks will be joining by indicating the number of plates by the choice they would make at the meal:

\_\_\_\_\_ # eating Chili and Cornbread

\_\_\_\_\_ # eating Hot Dogs and Chips

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and put in the offering plate, email the church office, or email [Autumnesmith452@gmail.com](mailto:Autumnesmith452@gmail.com) to let us know you are joining!



## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	
8:00 A.M.	United Methodist Men Breakfast
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	Morning Worship
4:00 P.M.	Children
5:00 P.M.	Youth
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	
9:00 A.M.	Truthseekers Bible Study
11:30 A.M.	OASIS
6:00 P.M.	Bible Study
7:00 P.M.	AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b>	
7:00 A.M.	AA Meeting
7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, March 23</b>	
2:00 P.M.	Line Dance Class
7:00 P.M.	AA Meeting
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	
10:00 A.M.	Nurses Honor Guard
7:00 P.M.	AA Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 26</b>	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	Morning Worship
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.

**Special Project: \* EASTER \*** Help us make Easter Baskets for our families! We need baskets, candies and books. You can bring your Easter donations through March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**\*YARD SALE April 22, 2023\*** We are now accepting donations until Wednesday, April 19th for our Spring Yard Sale! Any furniture being donated will need to be dropped off **before** Friday, **Apr 14<sup>th</sup>** at **147 Friarsgate Blvd. in Irmo, SC 29063** Donation Hours are Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 12 noon.

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 Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Save the Date

**VBS 2023**  
 June 26 - 29, 2023

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063  
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Phone 803-781-1626

*In case of an emergency,  
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 — 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>