

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



Eastertide Series: *A Living Hope*  
Today's Message: *This Place Is Awesome!*

May 14, 2023  
The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*The color white is used today as a joyous and festive  
representation of Easter.*

## THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### PRELUDE

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

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 328** *Surely the Presence of the Lord*  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His  
mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's  
wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord  
is in this place.

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 66) **AND OPENING  
PRAYER**

Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-  
created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.  
**Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.**

Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and  
re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.  
**Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.**

Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of  
praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!  
**Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. Glory  
and honor belong to God alone.**

Let us pray:

**God of our fathers and mothers—of all the generations who  
have come before us—we gather in Your presence with praise  
and thanksgiving for the faithful love You have shown toward  
Your people, and for the many blessings You have given to us.  
Thank you for your faithful presence among us. Continue to  
reveal yourself to us. Open our eyes to see you here among us;  
open our ears to hear your Word. For surely, you are with us in  
this place. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 152** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

### A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY 95**

ANTHEM *Back to the Church in the Wildwood*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

**\*HYMN 393**

*Spirit of the Living God*

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

### PROCLAMATION

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*Part of today's message will include a skit re-enacting the  
dedication service of Salem Methodist Church.*

### 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.**

### SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*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 May 7, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$17,945.02

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$268,617.63

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$244,992.24

### Attendance

Worship 155 Sunday School 72

### On Line Viewing

## PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

**Brookdale** — Mary Skenes

**Generations of Irmo** — Carolyn Brower, Dot Corley

**Harbison Shores** — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine

**Lowman Home Rehab** — Gwen Parnell, Anita Weed

**NHC Northeast** — Joyce Cook

**Rice Estates Assisted Living** — Barbara Rolin

**Tyborne UCP** — Jessica Gore

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

Leroy Gibson, Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan, Bill Rolin,

Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

### Ushers:

Lead – Randy Hilliard

Will Bowers

Scott Butler

Jim Lewis

### Trustee:

Ryan Cole

### Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

### Acolyte:

Rachel Rhodes

### Nursery:

Ashley Anderson, Kenzie Griner

## Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Martha Gibbons in memory of her mother, Mary B. Gibbons.

## Church on the Lake

Our Church on the Lake service will begin this year on **June 4<sup>th</sup>** and run through **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We are thankful to offer this 8:30 am service each Summer in addition to our 10:30 regular worship opportunity. The service will be at the Woodmen of the World location at 2000 Johnson Marina Rd., in Ballentine.

*If you would be interested in helping set up and break down each week or want to help in other areas, please contact Phillip Fore at 920-9657.*

Consider joining us for this casual alternative worship hour. We look forward to seeing you this Summer!

## Today We Give to The Epworth Mother's Day Offering!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

## OASIS

Join us for our cook out at Woodmen of the World this Tuesday, **May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30**. We will enjoy hamburgers and some fun activities. We are asking that everyone bring a side dish for this event. Please call and **RSVP** and be sure to indicate what side item you would like to bring to avoid duplicate items. It's our last gathering of the season before we break for the summer, so be sure to put it on your calendar and feel free to bring a friend!

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Monday, **May 22 at 11:30 at Higher Ground**.

*Higher Ground is located at 211 Chapin Road, Chapin.*

## Youth Lunch Fundraiser

The Youth are inviting everyone to join them for lunch immediately following the 10:30am Worship Service on **Sunday, May 21**. This will be a fundraiser lunch to assist with the cost of the Leadership Conference Trip in July. The lunch will be Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Salad. There will also be some sweet goodies for dessert. This is a donation only lunch but we are asking if people would please RSVP so we can make sure we have enough for all to enjoy. Please contact Jim Magann at [jimmagann@gmail.com](mailto:jimmagann@gmail.com) to RSVP how many will be attending. See everyone then.

## Graduates 2023

Do you have a child graduating high school or even college? If so, Salem UMC would like to recognize them on **Sunday, May 28** at the 10:30 service. Please contact the church office at [smethodist@aol.com](mailto:smethodist@aol.com) and let us know the graduate's name as you would like it printed, as well as what school they are graduating from as well as if graduating high school, where they will attend next. Please let us know this information no later than Monday, May 15.

## Time Travelers

VBS June 26 - 29

Ecclesiastes 3:11

## Journey through the Timelessness of God

Mark your calendars now to join us for Vacation Bible School 2023. We are going to take a trip every night through a different decade. We have the time machine set to journey through the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Come learn how God transcends time and no matter *when or where* you are, God is there and always teaching us. You may register to be a Volunteer or even register your child to attend at [VBSmate.com/Salemtimetravelers](http://VBSmate.com/Salemtimetravelers)

This VBS is sure to be fun for EVERYONE!!!! If you have any questions please contact Jim at [jimmagann@gmail.com](mailto:jimmagann@gmail.com) or PJ at [garrett.patriciaj@gmail.com](mailto:garrett.patriciaj@gmail.com).

## 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.*

## 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 ([saleumcsc.com](http://saleumcsc.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.*

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, May 14

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

### Monday, May 15

10:00 A.M. . . . . Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, May 16

11:30 A.M. . . . . OASIS Cookout  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Wednesday, May 17

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

### Thursday, May 18

7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Saturday, May 20

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

### Sunday, May 21

8:00 A.M. . . . . UMM Breakfast  
 9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
 11:30 A.M. . . . . Youth Lunch Fundraiser  
 12:30 P.M. . . . . Ecuador Mission Trip Meeting  
 4:00 P.M. . . . . Children  
 5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth

## Sharing God's Love

**Urgent Pantry Needs:** 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, Powdered Milk, Macaroni & Cheese, Jello, Elbow/ Shells/ Penne Pasta, Tomato Sauce/ Tomato Paste, Canned Tomatoes, Chef Boyardee Lunches, Beanie Weenies, Chicken & Dumplings, Stew, Instant Potatoes, Instant Grits, Canned Fruit, Coffee, Tea and Fruit Drinks.

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

93 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 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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*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>