

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Today's Message:
Face to Face

October 29, 2023
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The color green is used to denote growth, reminding us of our journey of growing in discipleship and faith.

THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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

As we gather to worship today, we say to one another;

Welcome! I am glad you are here!

As we worship together, we say to one another;

You are loved by God and by me!

Beloved children of God, how can we love each other today?

By meeting and listening and caring for one another face-to-face.

Beloved children of God, how can we love God today?

By practicing our love for one another and God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Let us worship God together today!

We come to worship God by living our love for God and neighbor face-to-face. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, help us love as you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children ages 3 through 5th grade will be dismissed following the Children's Moment to attend Kid's Worship. Parents may pick up their children downstairs following the conclusion of the service.

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

*HYMN 2213

Healer of Our Every Ill

PROCLAMATION

Face to Face

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885**

A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, Infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE 672** *God Be with You till We Meet Again (v. 4)*
God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you, smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

*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 October 22, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$7,894.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$607,924.11

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$533,965.46

Attendance

Worship 176 Sunday School 76

On Line Viewing

136

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,
Joyce Cook, Dot Corley

Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell, Anita Weed

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Peyton Baker, Freddie Butler,

Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson, Inez Hyatt,

Bob & Mindy Kuenzli, Lee McMillan,

Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,

Bill Rolin, Claudia Smith, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – Bill Sills

Callie Dunn, Sandra Durst

Melinda Hydrick, Sandra Sills

Trustee:

Randy Hilliard

Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

Acolyte:

Pierce Rhodes

Nursery:

Millie Fore, Maggie Brewton

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Jane East, who are celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Jennifer Fortune and family on the death of her brother, Patrick Fortune.

Tonight



OASIS

Join us for our biggest event of the year, our annual Thanksgiving Feast! The date is set for **Tuesday, November 14th at 11:30** and our meal will be catered by Tim Scott catering. We'll enjoy a delicious meal consisting of turkey, ham, dressing and all the trimmings as well as dessert! It's important to RSVP for this event, so please call the church office or let Tina Overton know by **Thursday, November 9th** so we may adequately prepare. Attendees are asked to bring a small financial donation towards Sharing God's Love for their foodbank for the holidays mission initiative. We look forward to sharing in a festive time together during this season of gratitude.

World Thank Celebration

The United Women in Faith at Salem will be hosting their World Thank celebration on Thursday, **November 16th at 6:30 PM.** The speaker will be Paul Cumbers from Lighthouse for Life (lighthouseforlife.org) an organization dedicated to fighting human trafficking. We would like to invite the congregation and our community to come hear about this valiant cause. Tickets will be \$10 which will cover a catered meal. Please submit checks to the church office payable to United Women in Faith. *RSVP by November 12th.*

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies' if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on **Monday, November 27th, at 12:00** at El Poblano Mexican Restaurant, 2371 Dutch Fork Rd., Chapin.

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.

Household Items: New Underwear and Socks for Adults & Kids, Full, Queen and King Sheets Bed Linens and Comforters, Blankets - All Sizes, Hand Towels, Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Pots, Pans, Plates, Glasses, Cookware, Bakeware, Kitchen Linens, Small Appliances, Diapers all sizes, but especially larger sizes.

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

202 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Oct. 5th.

Sharing God's Love is in need of volunteers to serve one Saturday a month. This would be ideal for small adult bible study groups or families. **The hours are 9:00 am to noon.**

If interested, please contact Shari Selke at (803) 732-3188.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, October 29

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 30

6:00 P.M. Faith Circle

Tuesday, October 31

9:30 A.M. Truth Seekers Bible Study
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 2

6:00 P.M. Multiply Bible Study
6:00 P.M. The Chosen Bible Study
6:30 P.M. LMA Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, November 4

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, November 5

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Quest
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 Ministries

Angie Lain — Director of Accounting

Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist

Jim Magann — Coordinator of Children/Youth
and Missions Ministries

Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries

Dustin Tanner — Coordinator of A/V Tech and Communications

Marie Wicker — Administrative Coordinator

Salem Morning Circle will meet in the Seekers Classroom on
November 1, 2023, at 10:30 A.M.

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>