

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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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

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship God who provides!

After delivering the Israelites out of bondage, God continued to guide them, giving them commandments to shape and form their lives with God and one another.

God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives after the rhythms of God's grace.

Jesus tells a story of a vineyard owner and his tenants who choose violence instead of giving the owner the fruits of the harvest, challenging us to choose—will we reject the Cornerstone or find in Jesus our sure foundation?

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Too often we fall back into the pattern of rejecting what is good for us, forgetting that the life of faith is always about following God who provides for us and loves us.

When we follow God's guidance, we learn to live God's new pattern of life described in the commandments and demonstrated by Christ.

Let us pray:

Liberating God, you give us commandments not as a burden to bear, but as an invitation to live the life you desire for us. Grant us open hearts ready to accept your invitation, that we might become a people who bear the fruit of the freedom and new life you give us. Amen.

*HYMN 157

Jesus Shall Reign

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (hymnal page 38)

John and Kathy Freeman

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

ANTHEM

I'll Follow My Lord

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

*HYMN 77

How Great Thou Art

PROCLAMATION

Fruit of the Kingdom

*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 261

Lord of the Dance

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 672

God Be with You till We Meet Again (verse 1)

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold 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.*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of October 1, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$13,004.05

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$565,510.80

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$498,607.41

Attendance

Worship 163 Sunday School 75

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 — 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:	Rachel Rhodes
Nursery:	Claressa Poppell, Kenzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of her sister, Anita's birthday by Francis Haltiwanger.

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!

**Salem's annual Charge Conference is
scheduled for Monday, October 16,
at 6:00 PM.**

OASIS

Join us for our next Oasis event on **Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30.** The musical group known as "Father's Call" will be performing and we will enjoy a barbecue meal together. Barbecue and rolls will be provided, but guests are asked to bring a side to go along with our menu. Please call the church office at 803-781-1626 by October 11th to say you'll come and indicate the side you'd like to contribute. We look forward to your presence with us!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on **Tuesday, October 24th, Brookland Baptist Church,** 1066 Sunset Blvd., W. Columbia or meet at church by 11 to carpool - we will leave around 11:05. The meal & dessert will be \$12 (plus your drink and tax). This is an amazing place - hope you can come.

TRUNKS NEEDED!

We need YOU to help make Salem's Trunk or Treat 2023 a night to remember! If you are able to decorate your vehicle on **Sunday, October 29th from 5-6:30 p.m.,** please contact Jennifer Hodges at 865.437.7950.

Trunk or Treat Needs!!!

The Salem UMC Trunk or Treat is coming up soon. We have several activities we are bringing in this year and we need several people to help us make it happen. Please see what you may be willing and able to provide or participate in.

We will be having a cake walk this year and we need TONS of donations for the Cake Walk. We need cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies, you name it. If you would like to provide something, please contact Jim at jimmagann@gmail.com and bring the cake to the church kitchen on Sunday, Oct 29.

We also will have a Pumpkin Decorating Contest this year. If you would like to enter a decorated Pumpkin into this contest, please let Jim know and bring it to the Trunk or Treat by 4:30pm on Oct 29. All who attend will vote on the winner.



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.

483 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Sept. 14th.

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 8

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. UWF Executive Committee Meeting
4:00 P.M. Quest
5:00 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Aldersgate Special
Needs Mission Project
5:30 P.M. Confirmation Class

Monday, October 9

6:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
7:00 P.M. Missions Meeting

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 14

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, October 15

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Quest
4:30 P.M. Jr. High Youth Group
5:30 P.M. Sr. High Youth Group

*The Church Office will be closed on
Monday for Columbus Day.*

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 for tickets to the church office payable to United Women in Faith. *RSVP with Callie Dunn calliemacsc@aol.com by November 12th.*

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

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>