

# 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**

God is great, and greatly to be praised!

**We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.**

God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

**We thank you, God, for newborn babies, for trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.**

Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

**We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.**

Let us pray:

**Creator God, who claims us as your own, we bring our full selves to worship today. Our happiness and our sorrow, our singing and our crying, our strengths, and our failures—we carry it all. Teach us to trust that your faithfulness endures in all the seasons and circumstances of our lives, and remind us that your steadfast love is the source of our gratitude and joy as we, your sheep, follow you wherever you lead. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 63**

*Blessed Be the Name*

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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

*Keep Your Lamps*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 100

**\*HYMN 381**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

PROCLAMATION:

*Enter the Gates*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*An Affirmation of Thanksgiving*

**In gratitude and faith, we gather today to acknowledge the blessings that surround us. With hearts full of thanksgiving, we affirm our belief in the power of gratitude and the goodness of our Creator. We acknowledge the countless gifts that have been bestowed upon us and the love that sustains us. May our faith in thanksgiving be a guiding light, leading us to share our abundance with others and to embrace each day with a spirit of joy and appreciation. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 2026**

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

\*BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE 102** *Now Thank We All Our God (verse 1)*

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

\*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 November 5, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$12,510.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$636,199.65

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$557,253.47

### Attendance

Worship 170 Sunday School 68

### On Line Viewing

118

## 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, 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

Jim Lewis

Heather Magann

David Schmidt

Randy Hilliard

### Trustee:

### Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

### Acolyte:

Sandra Sills

### Nursery:

Millie Fore

Maggie Brewton

## Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Keith and Donna Corley in honor of their wedding anniversary.

## Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mary Ann Gibson and family on the death of her husband, Leroy Gibson.

## OASIS

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is set for this **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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! Everyone who signed up is 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. The speaker will be Paul Cumbers from Lighthouse for Life ([lighthouseforlife.org](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

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

## Salem Missions Team Christmas Project

This year the Salem UMC Missions Team has chosen to support the Midlands Orphan Relief Organization for Christmas. This Organization provides support services and aid to meet the needs of children identified as at-risk or suffering from abandonment, abuse and/or neglect. Their Christmas Project is called "Midlands Orphan Relief Stocking Drive". How this will work is you will select a stocking from the tree, or basket, in the Welcome Center and Narthex. In that stocking is a tag with a gender, age and item list to purchase. You will purchase what is on that list and return it to the church in the same area that you got the stocking by no later than **Sunday, December 10**. Please do not wrap the presents and also do not stress about sizes as the items will be given to the right children. Please do not purchase toys or games, etc. The Missions Committee thanks everyone for joining in this project for this year.

## HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS NEEDED

\$10 - \$25 Grocery Gift Cards  
(for Turkeys & Pies)  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Boxed or Packaged Stuffing  
Gravy - Bottled or Mix  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Rice or Rice Mix  
Canned Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes  
Canned Green Beans  
Canned Corn  
Canned Mixed Vegetables  
Canned Collard Greens  
Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Canned or Bag Fried Onions  
Cornbread Mix  
Bisquick Mix  
Flour  
Pickles  
Olives  
Coffee & Creamer  
Tea & Sugar  
Paper Products  
Paper Towels or Napkins  
Storage Bags  
Trash Bags all Sizes

### SHARING GOD'S LOVE

147 FRIARSGATE BLVD, IRMO

## 2024 Flower Calendar

The 2024 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome Center. Cost is **\$96 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.**

## Updated QR Code For Youth Information





## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, November 12

9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
2:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Quest  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Youth  
5:30 P.M. . . . . Confirmation Class

### Monday, November 13

6:00 P.M. . . . . Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, November 14

9:30 A.M. . . . . Truth Seekers Bible Study  
11:30 A.M. . . . . OASIS  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Wednesday, November 15

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

### Thursday, November 16

6:00 P.M. . . . . Multiply Bible Study  
6:00 P.M. . . . . The Chosen Bible Study  
6:30 P.M. . . . . World Thank Celebration  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Friday, November 17

3:00 P.M. . . . . Fellowship Hall reserved

### Saturday, November 18

9:00 A.M. . . . . Sanctuary reserved  
10:00 A.M. . . . . Nurses Honor Guard  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Sunday, November 19

9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship  
2:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
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

*The church office will be closed  
the week of Thanksgiving.*

### Craft Bazaar

We are planning to have the Bazaar this year on **December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 2**. If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor let Millie Fore (803-920-5261) or Sandra Durst (803-600-6206) know and they will send you the registration and information. We are excited to be able to do this indoors this time.

### 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>

