

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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*The color green is used today in this Season of Epiphany
representing a time of spiritual growth as we move toward Lent.*

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**

The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?

Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops
calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray:

**Reconciling God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us
into right relationship with you, with self, with one another, and
with creation. As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our
hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today. Amem.**

***HYMN 2051** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

***HYMN 593**

Here I Am, Lord

PROCLAMATION:

Your Servant Is Listening

***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 399**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE 2164**

Sanctuary

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

***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 January 7, 2024

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,724.81
Unified budget received \$14,511.00

Attendance		On Line Viewing
Worship 162	Sunday School 79	169

EOY 2023

Salem UMC received \$62,091.70 in financial contributions during the period of December 17-31, 2023.

All 2023 operating invoices are paid.

All 2023 Conference Apportionments are paid.

All 2023 operating accounts have a positive balance as of December 31, 2023.

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, Amy Bundrick,
Freddie Butler, Donna Cole, Bob Davis,
Sandra Durst, Inez Hyatt, Bob & Mindy Kuenzli,
Lee McMillan, Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,
Bill Rolin, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Ted Hornsby Will Bowers Marilyn Goodwin Randy Hilliard Kevin Meetze
Trustee:	Steven Smith
Sound Booth:	Dustin Tanner
Acolyte:	Rachel Rhodes
Nursery:	Millie Fore, Maggie Brewton

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Francis Haltiwanger in honor of Furkan's & Dawn's birthdays, and in memory of Mr. Wayne, and in celebration of the wedding of Furkan and Sarah on January 8th.

Youth/Mission

The Youth Ministry and Missions Team will be bringing a church-wide mission project to Salem UMC. We will bring "**Rise Against Hunger**" to the church on Sunday, March 3. On this day we hope to have many church members of all ages from 4-99 helping pack meals for those in need in Africa. There will be three packing shifts and all participating will have a blast taking part in this. The youth took part in the project when they were in Florida this past summer. However, before this date comes, we will be collecting money that will determine how many meals Salem UMC will provide. For example, \$4000 will provide 10,000 meals. **We will promote and take donations and sign-ups each week through Feb. 11.** Please join us at the Rise Against Hunger table in the Welcome Center after the morning worship services to take part or ask questions. www.riseagainsthunger.org

First Night Bags

Epworth has a Foster Care Program in which they need supplies for what they call "First Night Bags". When a child will be going to a Foster Home, Epworth likes to send a bag with that child - some personal items that will help the child and foster home have some essentials especially that first night. If you would like to help with this project you can purchase any of the items listed and leave them marked accordingly in the church office during the month of February and through March 10th. **Faith Circle**, along with anyone that would like to help, will put these bags together at a date to be announced, probably in mid-March. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

OASIS

Salem has teamed up with our local FBI headquarters to come and provide an informative session on **Elder Fraud on Tuesday, January 16th**. While the event is hosted by our OASIS group, **we are extending the invitation to our entire church family and guests.** We will gather for a meal in the fellowship hall at 11:30 and the program will begin shortly thereafter, around 12:15 in the sanctuary. If you are interested in this event, and haven't signed up, please let Tina Overton know today.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet **January 29th at 11 a.m. at Roxanne's Market**, 2900 Dreher Shoals Rd. Irmo.

Sharing God's Love

Current Pantry Needs: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Noodles and Pasta Sauce, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, Lunch Combos (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc.) Chili, Pork & Beans, Canned Beans, Dry Beans, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Juice, Canned or Powdered Milk

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 and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

212 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Jan. 8th.



Epworth Foster Care Program

Foster Care First Night Bags

Help support foster families by putting together bags for the first night of a new placement.

Items to include:	Sizes Needed:
Duffie bag	Newborn
Underwear or diapers	0-3 Months
Baby Wipes	3-6 Months
Socks	6-9 Months
T-shirt	9-12 Months
pajama set	18 Months
blanket	24 Months
towel and washcloth set	2T
Lovey or stuffed animal	3T
Book	4T
Toothbrush/toothpaste	5T
Hair Brush	XS (4-5)
Coloring Book and crayons	Small (6)
	Medium (7-8)
	Large (10-12)
	XLarge (14-16)
	Adult Small

Please tag each bag with a label stating boy/girl and size. For more information contact Beth Robinson at brobinson@epworthsc.org or 803-256-7394 ext. 112

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, January 14

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
5:00 P.M. Youth Sunday Preparation
5:30 P.M. Youth Group
5:30 P.M. Confirmation Class

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
5:00 P.M. Youth Sunday Preparation

The office will be closed on Monday, January 15th,
for the holiday.

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

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook (salemumcofirmo)
weekly for Pastor Jeff's *Wednesday in the Word*. It's a
great midweek encouragement to get you through the
rest of your week until we meet again on Sunday.

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>