

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



January 21, 2024  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

### THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE Salem Ringers

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Are you listening? God is doing a new thing! Will you join in?  
**Yes! We will follow!**

Listen! Did you miss it? God calls us again to build the kingdom of heaven. Will you join in?

**Yes! We will be builders of the kingdom.**

Again, God calls us to declare the good news to those in need. Will you join in?

**Yes! We will declare the good news with our voices and our lives.**

Let us pray:

**Loving God, continue to call out to us. We want to join with you in sharing the gracious gift of abundant life with the world. May we respond to your loving and persistent call with a loving and persistent yes! A yes for us, a yes for our neighbors, and a yes for our world to be transformed by the good news that God's kingdom has come near. Amen.**

\*HYMN 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

#### 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

\*HYMN 344

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PROCLAMATION:

*The Right Time*

\*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 2137

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

\*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 14, 2024

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

Unified budget received \$9,501.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$29,449.62

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$24,012.00

### Attendance

Worship 170 Sunday School 78

### On Line Viewing

183

## 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, Bob Davis, Sandra Durst, Inez Hyatt,

Bob & Mindy Kuenzli, Lee McMillan, Barbara Pereira,

Shannon Robertson, Bill Rolin, Claudia Smith, Terry Waites

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

<b>Ushers:</b>	Lead – Randy Hilliard Will Bowers Ryan Cole Marilyn Goodwin Kevin Meetze
<b>Trustee:</b>	Steven Smith
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Dustin Tanner
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Faith Magann
<b>Nursery:</b>	Claressa Poppell, Susan Price

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>**. **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.

## 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](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)

*As we continue to acquire sign-ups and collect donations for the Rise Against Hunger Project, we also will be taking all donations made on "Souper Bowl" Sunday and giving them to this project to end Hunger in places beyond our backyard. As of Sunday, Jan 14, we have collected \$580 of the minimum goal of \$4000.*

## OASIS

Let's play Bingo! What better way to celebrate President's Day and the red, white and blue by playing a good old-fashioned game of Bingo and a pot luck meal? Join us on **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30** for this event. We'll have lots of fun prizes to choose from and even better food prepared by attendees. Please call the church office to **RSVP by February 15<sup>th</sup>** and let us know what meat, vegetable, side dish or dessert you are willing to bring to complete our menu! We hope to hear from you soon!

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m.** at **Roxanne's Market**, 2900 Dreher Shoals Rd. 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.**

## 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. 8<sup>th</sup>.**



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
Love 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](mailto:brobinson@epworthsc.org) or 803-256-7394 ext. 112

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### 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  
5:30 P.M. . . . . Youth Group

### Tuesday, January 23

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

### Wednesday, January 24

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

### Thursday, January 25

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

### Saturday, January 27

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

### Sunday, January 28

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  
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**Follow us on Instagram and Facebook (saalemumcofirmo) 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>

### 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