

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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3rd Sunday of Easter

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The color white is used today as a joyous and festive representation of Easter.

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**

How shall we live when lavished with love?

"We are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future." (1 John 3:2)

Just as in our origins, our future is tied to God's creation.

God has made us partners in creation for mutual flourishing.

Let us worship God.

We are here to worship God, who makes all things new.

Let us pray:

God of Hope, we see your love poured out for us in all the world. Make us more like you. Teach us to live together as one community human and beyond-human, creature and created to your glory, so your love is known among all the living. Amen.

***HYMN 378** *Amazing Grace*

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**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 3:1-7

ANTHEM *Nearer My God to Thee*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36-48

***HYMN 384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PROCLAMATION: *See What Love*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 328** *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE 383** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings(verse 2)*
For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born 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 April 4, 2024

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

Unified budget received \$14,653.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$206,147.34

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$199,816.88

Attendance

Worship 152 Sunday School 79

On Line Viewing

160

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 — Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler,

Bob Davis, Inez Hyatt, Bob & Mindy Kuenzli,

Lee McMillan, Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,

Bill Rolin, Larry Salters, Claudia Smith, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

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| Ushers: | Lead – Randy Hilliard Scott Butler Ron Joye Mike Thacker |
| Trustee: | Ryan Cole |
| 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 Bill and Sandra Sills in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary.

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Sandra Durst

Building fund – Bill & Sandra Sills

In Loving Memory of Virginia Priester

Family Ministry – Dan & Carla Jennings

Thank you!

Larry and June Salters would like to thank our Salem Church Family for the many prayers, cards, texts and other acts of kindness during Larry's recent heart by-pass surgery. We are happy to be a part of such a caring family.

Church Directory!

If you did not have your picture taken and would like to be included in the directory, we will be taking pictures on **Wednesday, April 24th**, from **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** and on **Sunday, April 28th**, from **9:00 am to 10:15 am** and again from **11:30 to Noon**. Please be sure to fill out an information sheet (in the Welcome Center) and bring with you. Pictures will be taken in the Brides Room in the Welcome Center. Feel free to call the church office for additional questions. If you do not wish to have your picture made, but would like a directory, you will need to fill out an information sheet and turn in to the office or the offering plate.

OASIS

For those who signed up, our next Oasis event is this **Tuesday, April 16th** at 11:30. Jennifer Weaver, Earth and Horticulture agent from Clemson Extension will be our guest speaker and the topic will be "Proper plant selection." *We will also have a plant swap for anyone who wishes to bring a plant to trade.* Our lunch will be catered by Moe's. The cost will be \$10 per person.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

On **Tuesday, April 30th**, the Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at **Golden Bay Seafood** on Saint Andrews Road at 11:30.

Outdoor Bazaar

Faith Circle is having an Outdoor Bazaar on **April 27th from 9-2**. There will be a food truck there too. If you know of anyone interested in setting up a 10 x 10 area please contact Millie Fore 803-920-5261 for more information. Also, please mark your calendars so you can come shop and eat! The money received from vendors goes to either local charities or needs in our church family. Thank you!

Spring 2024 Epworth Project

The Missions Committee of Salem UMC has set another Epworth work project for this spring. Last year was a large project working on their Recreational facilities. This year we will have a weekend project set for **April 19-21**. We will be deep cleaning and updating the Epworth Movie Theater and Craft Rooms. We also will be adding mulch to the beds outside of several cottages. We will work from 8am - 3pm on Friday, April 19; 8am - 4pm on Saturday April 20 and if work is still needed, we will work on Sunday, April 21 beginning at 1pm. Lunch will be provided for workers on Friday and Saturday. We ask everyone interested in working with this project to please sign up in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please contact Jim at jimmagann@gmail.com or Tommy at mclendta@aol.com.

Follow us on Instagram ([saleumcofirmo](https://www.instagram.com/saleumcofirmo)) 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.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Salem United Methodist Church would like to recognize all graduates on **Sunday, May 19, 2024**. We will recognize our High School graduates that day by calling them up front but will also recognize anyone else who is graduating from college or any other academic program. Please send the following information to smethodist@aol.com by **Sunday, May 5**. Let us know their names as you would like them printed in the bulletin, where they are graduating from, as well as what their next steps will be. Thank you very much and we look forward to celebrating this day as a congregation with each of you.

Vacation Bible School is COMING!!!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it. Since this year is an Olympic Summer, we will be having an Olympic themed VBS!!!! There will be record setting recreation, science experiments, crafts, food and much, much more!!!! Don't forget Kona Ice and also bring donations and see what you might can get Mr. Jim, Mrs. PJ and Pastor Jeff to do if you bring the most. It will be an awesome week as we focus on Hebrews 12:1. Registration is open for children AND volunteers NOW!!!! Sign up today!!!! vbsmate.com/events/SalemVBSIrmo/28659



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 18

6:00 P.M. Poetry Class
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 14

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

Sharing God's Love

Current Pantry Needs: Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Canned Meats, Chili, Corn, Diced Tomatoes, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Fruit Juices, Canned or Powdered Milk.

Household Items: New Underwear and Socks for Adults & Kids, 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.

Spring Yard Sale – April 20th 8:00-12:00

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

164 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on April 4th.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063
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*In case of an emergency,
 call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*

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>