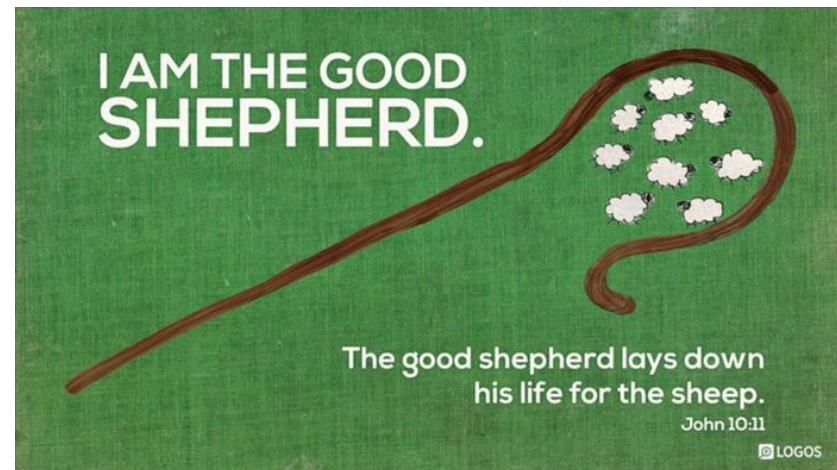


# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



April 21, 2024  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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 Salem Ringers

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God, who calls us each by name, restores our souls and leads us in the way of righteousness.

This goodness and love never stops pursuing us.  
**This is the God we have come to worship!**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, our Good Shepherd, meet us here today and fill us with your love, that we may look into your world with your loving kindness, welcoming our sisters and brothers with your joy, and offering our lives with your generosity. Amen.**

\*HYMN 700 *Abide with Me*

### 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

EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 3: 16-24

ANTHEM *Prayer to the Shepherd*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18

\*HYMN 381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

PROCLAMATION: *All for One, and One for All*

\*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 2223  
*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings(verse 3)*  
Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

\*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 14, 2024**

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

Unified budget received \$12,486.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$220,872.15

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$212,302.88

**Attendance**

Worship 170 Sunday School 77

**On Line Viewing**

110

**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:**

**Ushers:**

Lead – Randy Hilliard

Scott Butler

Ron Joye

Bill Sills

**Trustee:**

Ryan Cole

**Sound Booth:**

Dustin Tanner

**Acolyte:**

Faith Magann

**Nursery:**

Claressa Poppell, Kenzie Griner

*Flower Ministry*

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Roy and Vicki McCrary in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Outdoor Bazaar*

Faith Circle is having an Outdoor Bazaar on **April 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 24<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** and on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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.*

*Ladies Lunch Bunch*

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

**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](mailto: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.

**OASIS Picnic by the Lake**

Join us on **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 at Woodmen of the World** for our picnic at the Lake! Fried chicken and tea will be provided but attendees are asked to bring a side item to share. Please be sure to call the church office (781-1626) to **RSVP by Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** to say you'll join us and to share the side item you plan to bring. This will be our last Oasis gathering as we take a break during the summer months. Oasis will reconvene in September.

We hope to not only see you, but also welcome you to bring a friend as we enjoy a fun time of fellowship by the water!

**FAITH CIRCLE MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN**

**MAY 12, 2024**



The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those women who are special to us... mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends, etc.

To list the names of special women you would like to remember in our Mother's Day bulletin, please fill out this form and put it, along with payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, in an envelope marked "**Mother's Day**." Checks should be made payable to "**Faith Circle**." Please be sure to fill out all the information on the form and **print clearly!** Honor those living on the "in honor" of lines, and remember those who are deceased on the "in memory" of lines. We regret that due to space we are unable to print special messages – **only the names** of those we wish to honor in this special way. We are sure you will want to include all those women who are special to you. Please drop in the offering plate or give to any member of Faith Circle.

Money raised through this bulletin will be used for mission projects of the United Women in Faith as well as mission projects such as the Homeless Outreach Ministry and congregational and community needs.

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**Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."  
Deadline is Sunday, May 5, 2024**

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, April 21

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 23

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

### Wednesday, April 24

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

### Thursday, April 25

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

### Saturday, April 27

9:00 A.M. . . . . Outdoor Bazaar  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Sunday, April 28

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.

*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 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Follow us on Instagram (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.

*A mother Bluebird is has laid her eggs in birdhouse behind "Saint Francis" statue and columbarium in our Salem Cemetery. Chano Reyes and Bill East put up and tend our three Salem bluebird boxes.*

## 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  
CCLI #1562077

Website: salemumcsc.com  
E-mail: smethodist@aol.com

Phone 803-781-1626

*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>