

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Series: Let's Be the Church!
Today's Message: The Believers Pray

January 12, 2025
1st Sunday after the Epiphany

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The color white is used today representing the season after the Epiphany.

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

(based on Acts 2:42-47)

Friends in Christ, long ago when Christ's church first came together, what were its defining characteristics?

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. **They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.**

And the lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray:

Gracious God, who unites us in love and purpose, we come as Your people, devoted to Your Word, to fellowship, to breaking bread, and to prayer. Fill our hearts with gladness and generosity, and may our lives reflect Your grace. Let us grow in faith and in favor with all, as we live as witnesses of Your redeeming power. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 2193 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4:23-31

*HYMN 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

PROCLAMATION

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 352

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 558

We Are the Church (verse 4)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

*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 5, 2025

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$15,100.37
Unified budget received \$15,678.00

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 138 Sunday School 73	351

EOY 2024

Salem UMC received \$63,932.84 in financial contributions during the period of December 15-31, 2024.

All 2024 operating invoices are paid.

All 2024 Conference Apportionments are paid.

All 2024 operating accounts have a positive balance as of December 31, 2024.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Cook

Lowman Home — Betty Hanzlick, Gwen Parnell

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Debra Ailes, E.L. Ayers,

Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler, Bob Davis,

Faye Derrick, Frank Eargle, Mitchell Faulkenberry,

Inez Hyatt, Joyce Lewis, Lee McMillan, Jonnie Mitchell,

Margie Oswald, Barbara Pereira, Eric Puette,

Sherry Becker Puette, Shannon Robertson, Mary Simon,

Marty Spearman, Susan Spearman,

Michael Smith, Steve Smith, Carol Stewart, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Ryan Cole Will Bowers Marilyn Goodwin John Hood
Sound Booth:	Dustin Tanner
Trustee:	Steven Smith
Acolyte:	Rachel Rhodes
Nursery:	Susan Price, Madison Strait

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of he father, Bill Fowler, by Patti Fowler.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Keith Corley and family on the death of his mother, Dot Corley.

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Jessica Henderson and family on the death of her son, Mason Lewis. Grandparents are Dave and Lori Evans.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for the calls, cards and prayers during my recent illness and subsequent surgery. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Marilyn O'Mellan

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Any lady that would like to eat and socialize is welcome to join us for our Ladies Lunch Bunch. We will meet **Monday, January 27, at 11:30 at Carrabba's on Columbiana Drive.**

OASIS

Join us **January 21st at 11:30** in the fellowship hall for our next Oasis event. Our very own Jennifer Brewton, from the SC Department on Aging will be here to share the many opportunities and programs that are available within our county. We will additionally enjoy a hot dog luncheon complete with all the trimmings. Please call us by Thursday, January 16th to RSVP so that we can plan appropriately for our meal and program. We look forward to seeing you then!

2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 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.*

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes have arrived for 2025! They are in the Welcome Center.

Rise Against Hunger RETURNS!!

Salem United Methodist Church will be participating in Rise Against Hunger again in 2025. **The date to package food will be Sunday, March 2.** We will be having sign-ups for times to participate in packing the food. HOWEVER, we have to raise money for the food. Each week we will have a table for everyone to sign up for a shift to work and also make donations for the project. The more money we raise, the more food we can send to a country and community in need. Last year we raised enough money to package 14,256 meals. We would love to exceed that this year. Please prayerfully consider giving to this project and spread the word for others to donate as well. We had numerous outside businesses donate a good bit last year as well. We look forward to everyone participating in this project again this year.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Carolyn Brower

by Faye Derrick – Building Fund

by Lou Holmes – General Fund

by Worth & Susie Wells – Building Fund

Bill Rolin

by Lou Holmes – General Fund

Red Weed

by Phyllis Marie Bray – Building Fund

Book Club

Anyone interested in starting a book club? We are trying to see if there is enough interest to start a book club here at Salem. This will be books of all kinds. A meeting to discuss the logistics of the club, decide on a time and how it will work will be held on **Thursday, January 23rd @ 6:00 in the Pathfinders classroom.** This is also open to others outside the church. If you are interested or plan to attend the meeting, please let Allison McLendon know by phone call or text at 803-530-7143. If there is enough interest, we will choose our book and plan to start in February.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

6:00 P.M. Girl Scouts

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 16

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

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

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, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, etc. Chili, Soup, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Corn, Diced Tomatoes, Canned Meats, Fruit Juices Canned or Powdered Milk.

Household Items: New underwear for adults & kids, used underwear for kids & men, white socks all sizes, queen and king sheets, blankets, comforters, bed linens and comforters, blankets - all sizes, wash cloths, hand towels, bath towels, pots, pans, plates, glasses, cookware, bakeware, kitchen linens and small appliances.

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

340 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Dec. 16th.

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.

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. Baker — Director of Children's Ministries

Sarah E. High — Director of Music Ministries

Angie Lain — Manager of Business & Finance

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>