

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 Share Their Possessions

January 19, 2025
2nd 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 Salem Ringers

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 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *Father, We Heard You Calling*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 4:32-37

*HYMN 568

Christ for the World We Sing

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 581

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 558

We Are the Church (verse 1)

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! The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. 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 12, 2025

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

Unified budget received \$8,844.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$30,200.74

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$23,922.00

Attendance

Worship 120 Sunday School 59

On Line Viewing

305

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,

Mary Ann Gibson, Inez Hyatt, Joyce Lewis, Lee McMillan,

Jonnie Mitchell, Margie Oswald, Barbara Pereira, Eric Puette,

Sherri 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

Heather Bowers

Will Bowers

Marilyn Goodwin

Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner

Trustee: Pete Hornsby

Acolyte: Pierce Rhodes

Nursery: PJ Baker, Kenzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of his and Betsy's wedding anniversary on the 18th by John Goodale.

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.**

Series Summary from Week One: *The Believers Pray*

Three Takeaways:

1. Pray as if your life depends upon it.
2. Be intentional in setting aside time to pray, and pray about everything.
3. Pray expecting to be transformed! *"The place where they were praying was shaken."*

OASIS

Join us **this Tuesday at 11:30** if you signed up for this event. 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 enjoy a hot dog luncheon complete with all the trimmings. 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

Salem has begun their 2025 Rise Against Hunger project. Last week we began taking sign-ups and donations. The sign ups were remarkable with numerous people already signed up to participate. WE invite anyone who would like to join to please do so. The next step is to raise money to have food to pack. Last year we raised over \$10,000 to provide over 14,000 meals. We are challenging the church this year to donate enough to be able to pack over 15,000 meals. Please consider donating to this and also mention this project to your places of business as last year several companies provided a large portion of the money raised.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Dot Corley

by Susan Burke – Faith Circle

by Rick & Cheryl Denton – Flower Ministry

by Dan & Carla Jennings – General Fund

by Don & Miriam Lovett – Music Ministry

Sandra Durst

by Rick & Cheryl Denton – Missions Fund

Mason Lewts

by Dan & Carla Jennings – General Fund

Anita Weed

by Phillip & Millie Fore – Cemetery 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 Seekers 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.

NEW Youtube Channel for Salem UMC

Salem UMC now has their own Youtube channel. This will be another location that you can go to in order to watch our weekly services live, as well as past recorded services. Facebook is still an option as well, but this provides a new channel to view services. Please search for **@salemumc** on Youtube to find the service.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

Monday, January 20

7:00 P.M. Missions Meeting

Tuesday, January 21

11:30 A.M. OASIS
6:30 P.M. Ricefield Plantation HOA Meeting (Seekers Class)
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23

6:00 P.M. Book Club Meeting (Seekers Class)
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, January 25

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, January 26

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. **No** 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.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 20th, 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. 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>