

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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The color green is used today representing a season of hope, life, and growth.

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

Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God!

Let us pray:

Loving God, as we gather this morning, we pray that you would teach us. Teach us to love with skill. Teach us to love with precision. Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. Amen.

*HYMN 102 *Now Thank We All Our God*

A TIME OF PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 37:1-8*

ANTHEM *How Beautiful*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 6:27-38*

*HYMN 311 *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

PROCLAMATION *Are You Serious?*

*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 2213 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

*Benediction

*CHORAL RESPONSE 402 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian(vs3)*
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

*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 February 16, 2025

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

Unified budget received \$9,245.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$105,702.59

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$72,364.00

Attendance

Worship 92 Sunday School 33

On Line Viewing

381

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Cook, Joyce Lewis

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,

Callie Dunn, Mitchell Faulkenberry, Mary Ann Gibson,

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

Margie Oswald, Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,

Carol Stewart, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – John Hood

Scott Butler

Heather Magann

Mike Thacker

Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

Trustee:

Steven Smith

Acolyte:

Sherri Puette

Nursery:

PJ Baker, Dawn Horton

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary by Ted and Pete Hornsby.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Kim Jeffcoat and family on the death of her mother, Harriet Dudley.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Lurleen Bouknight

Joe Harrell

Eula Meetze

by Jimmy & Brenda Dye – Cemetery Fund

OASIS

Join us on **Tuesday, March 18th** at **11:30** for an offsite meal at Brookland Baptist Banquet and Conference Center. If you have never been, you are in for a delicious treat! This event will be dutch treat. Brookland Baptist is located at 1066 Sunset Blvd West Columbia, SC. For those who are interested in carpooling from the church, please feel free to meet at the church that day between 10:45 and 11:00. Be sure to call the church office to RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 12th so we can reserve adequate space.

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, February 24, at 11:30 at BJ's at 148 Harbison Blvd.**

Day of Prayer and Self Denial

The United Women in Faith at Salem will be hosting a Day of Prayer and Self Denial on **March 15th at 10 am.** in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks will be provided. We will be having a speaker coming from Oliver Gospel Mission to talk about their programs and ways to get involved. We will be taking up a collection of toiletry items for them. The items they need: Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Small Washcloth or Towel, Water Bottles, Sunscreen, and Bug Spray. There will be a laundry basket in the church office for these items.

Follow us on Instagram (saileumcofirmo) 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.

Life Line Screening

Salem will be hosting another Life Line Screening on **Monday, March 17th.** If you are over 40 and interested in signing up, please call 888-814-0466 and use promo code: HSCA001 or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607. You may also call the church office for additional information.

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.

260 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Feb. 1st.

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.**

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, February 23

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. Youth Lunch @ San Jose
4:00 P.M. Prayer Group
4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
5:00 P.M. Tweens
5:00 P.M. Youth

Monday, February 24

11:00 A.M. Seeker's Classroom reserved
11:30 A.M. Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ BJ's
6:30 P.M. Mission's Meeting

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

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

Thursday, February 27

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 1

6:00 P.M. Youth Laser Tag
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, March 2

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:00 P.M. Rise Against Hunger
4:00 P.M. Prayer Group
4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
5:00 P.M. Tweens

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>

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.