

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
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The color red is the color of fire, symbolizing the powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

Let us pray:

Loving God, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. Amen.

*HYMN 539 *O Spirit of the Living God*

CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Margaret Kelley Brewton	Spring Hill High School
Cooper Bykalo	Chapin High School
Julie Anna Hillard	Coker University
Morgan Lindsey McCrary	USC Joseph F. Rice School of Law
Michael Carder Nash	Chapin High School

A Prayer for Our Graduates

(from the United Methodist Book of Worship)

Let us pray:

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. We are grateful for these graduates before us, as well as others we are celebrating that are not present with us. We thank you for all those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates now as they move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many

talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

SEE INSERT

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art / Majesty*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

PROCLAMATION: *Ability of the Spirit*

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 545 *The Church's One Foundation*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 57
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verse 1)
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

*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!

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, we profess for ourselves the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ they may share in his final victory. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Presented for Baptism: Ivelisse Mari Horton
Sadie Caroline Robertson
Sophia Camille Robertson

Presented for Confirmation: Faith Raye Magann
Molly Kate Vyskocil

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Following the statements of personal commitment to the Church by these candidates, the congregation is invited to renew their baptismal covenant as follows:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?
With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
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.

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of May 12, 2024

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,724.81
Unified budget received \$11,360.01
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$279,771.39
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$258,184.91

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 150 Sunday School 72	303

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
Parkridge — Debra Ailes, Mitchell Faulkenberry

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – David Thomas
Will Bowers
John Hood
Sandra Sills
Trustee: Dan Jennings
Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner
Acolyte: Peyton Baker
Nursery: Ashley Anderson, Kenzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Larry and June Salters and in honor of their great granddaughter, Emerson Mae (Emmie) Salters who celebrated her first birthday on Friday and of Salem's 2024 graduates and confirmands.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Ron Joye and family on the death of his nephew, Derek Joye.

OASIS Picnic by the Lake

Join us **Tuesday, May 21st 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. 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!

Poetry Prayer Class

Just a reminder that the Poetry Prayer Class on **Thursday nights at 6:00 PM** is still going on and will be available through May. We would love for you to join us.

Church on the Lake

Church on the Lake will **start June 2nd at 8:30 a.m.**, this informal 45-minute service will continue through September 1st. Come to Woodman of the World, 2000 Johnson Marina Road, and enjoy this beautiful setting on the lake!

Anyone interested in helping set up and/or other ways please contact Phillip Fore 803-920-9657. We can always use extra hands!!

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!!!!



It will be an awesome week (**June 24-27**) as we focus on Hebrews 12:1. Registration is open for children AND volunteers NOW!!!! Sign up today!!!!

vbsmate.com/events/SalemVBSIrmo/28659

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies Lunch Bunch - **May 29th (Wednesday)** will be at The Gallery Tea Room in Newberry at 11:45. We will be served... fruit in a teacup; Quiche Lorraine; Gallery Side Salad; scone with Devonshire cream, jam or curd; dessert: choice of Chocolate chip bourbon pecan pie or Cheesecake; tea (either iced or hot) The cost is \$28.30 per person and we have to pay ahead of time.... which covers the food, drink, gratuity and tax. **You must RSVP by May 22nd.** This is a special event - wear your favorite hat or you can choose one there! If you would like to carpool from the church please be in the parking lot by 10:45 and we will leave at 10:55. There is a great gift shop there and other cute stores you may want to visit while you are there. If you are planning to go please contact Millie Fore 803-920-5261 for questions - **you can write a check to Faith Circle and mark it The Gallery Tea Room.**

Church Directory!

If you did not have your picture taken and would like to be included in the directory, we will be taking pictures at Church on the Lake on **June 2nd and June 9th**. These will be just a snapshot. 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 (in the Welcome Center) and turn it in to the office or the offering plate.

Memorials

In Loving Memory of John Freeman

Building fund - Don & Miriam Lovett

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, May 19

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:30 P.M. Kid's Quest
4:45 P.M. Youth Group

Monday, May 20

7:00 P.M. Missions Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

11:30 A.M. OASIS @ Woodmen of the Lake
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 25

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, May 26

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

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.

185 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on May 7th.

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>