

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



May 26, 2024  
Trinity Sunday

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*The color red is used today as a representation of the season  
after Pentecost.*

## 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**

Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world, we are the beloved!

**May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today, and renew our sense of calling.**

Come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world.

**We come to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.**

Let us pray:

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equip us with courage and vision for the new and abundant life that awaits us. Ready us for new birth. We recognize that we cannot choose the stories we have inherited, but because of your amazing love for us, and your presence with us, we can choose the stories that we become. Amen.**

\*HYMN 369 *Blessed Assurance*

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS** (Hymnal page 38)

Patti Fowler - Joining by transfer from another UMC  
Peggy Gooch - Joining by transfer from another UMC  
Kimberly Griffith - Joining by profession of faith  
Craig Rivers - Joining by profession of faith  
Norma Sessions - Joining by transfer from another denomination

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON *John 3:1-17*

\*HYMN 2088 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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 393 *Spirit of the Living God*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE 57  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verse 2)*  
*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

\*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 May 19, 2024**

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,724.81  
Unified budget received \$10,954.01  
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$294,496.20  
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$269,138.92

**Attendance**                      **On Line Viewing**  
Worship 172   Sunday School 76                      431

**Epworth's Mother's Day offering**  
\$3,235

**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** — Debra Ailes, Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Mitchell Faulkenberry, 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 – David Thomas  
   Marilyn Goodwin  
   John Hood  
   Brandon Stutts
- Trustee:**                      Dan Jennings
- Sound Booth:**                Dustin Tanner
- Acolyte:**                      Faith Magann
- Nursery:**                      PJ Baker, Claressa Poppell

***Flower Ministry***

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Fred and Donna Cole in celebration of their anniversary.

**Church on the Lake**

Church on the Lake will **start next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.** This informal 45-minute service will continue through September 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](https://vbsmate.com/events/SalemVBSIrmo/28659)

***Ladies Lunch Bunch***

For the ladies' that signed up for *Ladies Lunch Bunch* on **May 29<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**, we will meet at The Gallery Tea Room in Newberry at 11:45. 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

- M. Lewis Fogle                      Alex & Dale McLeod
- Brenda Miller                        Elizabeth Newton
- Larry & June Salters                Les & Joan Tweed
- Hosanna Sisterhood SS Frances Cheeks
- The Joy Sunday School Class of Union UMC

**FAITH CIRCLE FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN**

**June 16, 2024**

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those men who are special to us... fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends, etc.

To list the names of special women you would like to remember in our Father'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 "Father'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 men 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, June 9, 2024**

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, May 26

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

### Tuesday, May 28

6:30 P.M. . . . . Finance Meeting  
7:00 P.M. . . . . Council Meeting  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Wednesday, May 29

7:00 A.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
11:45 A.M. . . . . Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ The Gallery Tea Room  
7:00 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 30

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

### Saturday, June 1

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

### Sunday, June 2

8:30 A.M. . . . . Church on the Lake Service  
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 7<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.

The Church Office will be closed  
Monday in observance of Memorial  
Day.

### 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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call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*



### 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>