

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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15^h Sunday After Pentecost

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*The color green is used to denote growth, reminding us of our
journey of growing in discipleship and faith.*

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**

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.
Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.
Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.
**Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life,
in ministries of hope and peace.**

Let us pray:

**Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this
day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be
transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful
servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name,
we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

A TIME OF PRAYER

ANTHEM

God Has Work for Us to Do

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 15-15, 21-23

***HYMN 399**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

PROCLAMATION

What's Going On In There?

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
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INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE LAVABO

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:

**Holy God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you
have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 549**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE 546 (v.1)**

The Church's One Foundation

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are his
new creation by water and the Word; from heaven he came and
sought us that we might ever be his living servant people, by his
own death set free.*

*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!*

Church on the Lake
September 1, 2024
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Gathering Time and Music

***Song 1** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

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.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Welcome and Grace of Hospitality

Opening Prayer

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

***Song 2** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

Proclamation *What's Going On In There?*

Offering

Communion

Musical Reflection

***Song 3** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*
Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed, if honored be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Post-Service Music

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Come early (8:15am) each week and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

WORDS OF WELCOME

- We bid you a warm welcome this morning. We hope you will join us regularly during the summer and will tell others about this service.
- Please also consider joining us for Sunday School at 9:30am and Sunday Worship Services in our sanctuary at 10:30am at Salem United Methodist Church at the corner of Hwy. 6 and Salem Church Road in Irmo, SC.

Rev. Jeff Childress

If you are visiting with us today and would like additional information about Salem United Methodist Church, please fill out the following and place it in the offering basket.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of August 25, 2024

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,724.81
Unified budget received \$5,656.01
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$500,643.54
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$421,329.98

Attendance

Worship 203

(Includes 10:30 service and Church on the Lake)

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, Lee McMillan, Marilyn O'Mellan, Margie Oswald,

Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson, Bill Rolin, Mary Simon,

Steve Smith, Dustin Tanner, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Randy Hillard
Marilyn Goodwin
Brandon Stutts
Mike Thacker

Trustee: Dan Jennings

Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner

Acolyte: Sherri Puette

Nursery: Martina Thomas

Thomas Brewton

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Carol Stewart's 80th birthday by Eric and Sherri Puette.

Thank You!

Dear Salem UMC,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift! I appreciate all the support and love I have received as I transition into this next chapter of life. I am so excited to start college (and decorate my dorm!). Your gift will be used to help buy decorations for my new home at USC. Again, thank you for all of your support.

Many Thanks,
Maggie Brewton

Church on the Lake

It's hard to believe, but Church on The Lake is officially over for this year. We want to **thank everyone** that has made this such a special time of worship. We have the best faithful volunteers. It takes all of us to make it a good outreach for the community whether it is setting up and/or folding chairs, passing out bulletins, taking up the offering, greeting people with a smile, bringing refreshments, taking care of the sound system, singing, preaching, helping with communion and more... showing you care... all of this matters. Thank you for your willingness to serve! We also appreciate Woodman of the World for the use of their beautiful shelter!

Results of Church Council Meeting

At last Sunday's Church Council meeting, the Council voted that Salem UMC would NOT enter into a discernment process toward separation from the United Methodist Church. We appreciate their prayerful work in considering this important issue. Now, let us reach out to one another in a spirit of Christian love, healing, and reconciliation, as we, together, fully engage in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Epworth Children's Home

Work Day Offering Next Sunday!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day.

Missions Workday Saturday, Sept. 7

The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a workday at one of its newer missional outreach organizations, Reconciliation Ministries. We will be helping them around their property with some landscaping, painting and possibly a few other jobs. We will meet from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and will include lunch with their organization. If you are interested in joining for this day, please contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com or Tommy McLendon at mclendta@aol.com.

New Fall Bible Study Coming

"Short Stories by Jesus"

Join us on Thursday Nights beginning on **Thursday, Sept. 12 through Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Seekers classroom. This study will look deeper into some of the Parables that Jesus told and their meaning in those times as well as how they apply today. If you would like to be a part of this class please contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com. The book cost is \$15.

Upcoming CPR Training

On **Sunday, September 15th**, at 12:00 P.M. we will hold CPR training in the Fellowship Hall. This CPR training is for anyone in the church who would like to become CPR certified. The cost for the training is \$40. Please contact P.J. Baker (803-743-5648) by September 5th if you would like to participate.

Oasis Kickoff

How well do you know the people you go to church with? Join us on **Tuesday, September 17th at 11:30** for our Kickoff Oasis gathering and find out! It's a great time to join our group if you have not attended before and it's a great time to come back and join in on the fun activity we have planned. Our meal will be pot luck, which always proves to be a hit showcasing the great cooks we have in our group! Call the church office by **Thursday, September 12th to RSVP** and share the item you plan to bring. We hope to hear from you and would love for you to bring a friend!

Salem Tailgate Party

Whether you Love Carolina, Clemson, or just good food; join us on **September 22nd** for a Salem Tailgate Party immediately following the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. Show off your favorite team by wearing their colors!

The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. We would love for you to bring your favorite tailgate food like dips, salads, desserts, or finger foods. See you then!

Lighthouse for Life Event

Lighthouse for Life, a mission dedicated to eradicating human trafficking by educating the community and empowering survivors, is hosting a "Fund the Fight" event at Irmo High School on **Thursday, September 12, 2024**. For more information you can go online to: <https://lighthouseforlife.org/events/fund-the-fight-2024/>



Be the change.
Help change a life. Give blood. 

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Tuesday, September 10, 2024
1:00PM – 6:00PM

To make an appointment, please scan the QR code on the left or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **SALEMUMC**

Pro Tip: HYDRATE AND RAPID PASS

All donors will receive a Labor Day Raglan T-Shirt!
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

New Sunday Night Offering

Do you know who you are in Christ Jesus? We were made for community. Join us for experiential prayer and listening, which leads to transformation. **Sunday evenings from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.**

Please contact Heather Magann with any questions or for more information. Cell: 843-446-7280 or Email: hmagann@gmail.com

Please do not worry if you can't make it each week. Each week is independent of the other. Come and experience the mystery and beauty of Life in Christ Jesus. We are meeting in the Children's Church room directly across from the Nursery.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, September 1

8:30 A.M.last Church on the Lake Service
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
 4:00 P.M. Prayer Class
 5:00 P.M. Tweens
 5:00 P.M. Youth

Tuesday, September 3

6:00 P.M. Faith Circle in Fellowship Hall
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 10:30 A.M. Salem Morning Circle in Seekers Classroom
 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 5

6:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship Classroom
 6:30 P.M. LMA Meeting
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, September 7

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, September 8

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

Salem SPRC Meeting Scheduled

The Salem SPRC Committee will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00pm** in the Seekers classroom.

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.

1428 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on July 15th.

(Lots of School Supplies)

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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 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>