

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Fall Series:
Ancestors of our Faith

Today's Focus:
Esther – A Higher Way

November 10, 2024
25th 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**

It's a great day to be here.

There are so many things we can do to serve the Lord.

Just listen for God's call to you. Let God guide your life.

We are willing to open our lives to God's service.

Come, let's worship and celebrate God's good news for us.

Let us bring our hopes and prayers to God with joy.

Let us pray:

Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN 110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *Show Us How to Love*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Esther 4:1-17*

*HYMN 117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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*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 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 102(v.1) *Now Thank We All Our God*
Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

*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 November 3, 2024

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,724.81

Unified budget received \$18,507.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$647,891.64

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$538,086.06

Attendance

Worship 134 Sunday School 59

On Line Viewing

307

Flood Bucket/Relief \$1811

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,
Joyce Cook, Dot Corley

Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Debra Ailes, E.L. Ayers,

Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Faye Derrick,

Mitchell Faulkenberry, Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan,

Jonnie Mitchell, Marilyn O'Mellan, Margie Oswald,

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

Susan Spearman, Steve Smith, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Ryan Cole
	Youth
Trustee:	Randy Hilliard
Sound Booth:	Dustin Tanner
Acolyte:	Sherri Puette
Nursery:	Robin Jones, Kinzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Nick & Eileen Leoncavallo in memory of Kathy Leoncavallo.

OASIS Event

It's time for our annual Thanksgiving Feast! Join us on **Tuesday, November the 19th** as we enjoy a catered Thanksgiving meal by Tim Scott. We will gather at 11:30. There will be no charge for the meal, but everyone is asked to support our Sharing God's Love Mission project by bringing a pack of new underwear and/or socks for any age group. Please call the church office to **RSVP no later than Thursday, Nov. 14th** so we may accurately prepare for our event.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Don Hinson

by Lou Holmes – General Fund

by Brenda Miller – Building Fund

by David & Martina Thomas – Building Fund

by Parks & Charlie Mangum, DeLoris Hamilton – Building Fund

Bill Sills

by Fellowship Sunday School Class – Building Fund

by Lou Holmes – General Fund

by Bobby & Christine Lowman – Building Fund

by Larry & June Salters – General Fund

Anita Weed

by Lou Holmes – General Fund

by Jim & Marie Lewis – Building Fund

by Don & Miriam Lovett – Building Fund

by Bill & Susan Price – Building Fund

by Salem OASIS – Building Fund

by Steve & Mary George Smith – General Fund

by Larry & June Salters – General Fund

College Student or Military

If you have a young adult in college or in the military and don't mind sharing their mailing address(es) with us, please contact the church office at smethodist@aol.com or text/call **Sheri Hood at (803) 767-5924**. We love to support our young adults throughout the school year and need your help to do so!

Craft Bazaar

We are planning to have the Bazaar this year on **December 14 from 9 - 2**. We're looking for crafters and small businesses! If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor let Callie Dunn (803-479-6581) know and she will send you the registration and information. We have spots available.

Asheville Relief Efforts

The Salem UMC Missions Committee will be collecting monetary donations through **Sunday, Nov 10** to purchase items needed for Cleaning kits to go to Asheville NC and surrounding areas. These kits have been created and passed on via the United Methodist Conference. We will take the funds collected and purchase all of the items needed to fill as many buckets as we can, which have been donated by Sherwin Williams. On Sunday, Nov 17 the Youth will put the buckets together and they will then be taken to the designated drop off area for the Conference. Please give as you feel led to assist those close by in their recovery and clean-up efforts.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will take a break during the months of November and December. We look forward to getting back together in January after the holidays.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church for Christmas, or make a donation to our General Fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Poinsettias will be \$14 each. A listing of all poinsettias and donations will be available on Sunday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 24th. **Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.** Please place the completed form along with payment marked "poinsettia" in the offering plate, or drop it by the Church Office. **The deadline for receiving forms and payment is Sunday, November 17th.** Names only please, no special messages will be added. **Please print clearly.**

Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Lieu Of Poinsettias, Donation to the General Fund

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by: _____

Total # of Poinsettias @ \$14 each _____.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, November 10

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

Monday, November 11

6:00 P.M. Girl Scouts

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, November 16

10:00 A.M. Nurses Honor Guard
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, November 17

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

Sharing God's Love

Current Pantry Needs: Cereal, Tea, Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Pasta and Juices

Household Items: Diapers size 4,5 and 6. New Underwear and White Socks any size. Linens, Comforters and Blankets - All Sizes. Winter coats, all sizes.

Drop-off containers are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

181 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Nov. 2nd.

Follow us on Instagram (saalemumcofirmo) 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 for Veteran's Day.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063
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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>