

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873

## November 3, 2024

### All Saints Sunday

*The color white on this special day symbolizes both death and resurrection.*

#### THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Note: All Saints and Communion Liturgies used in the service today are adapted from liturgies authored by Rev. Anna Strickland | A Sanctified Art LLC*

\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen.**  
And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth. **Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. **Amen.**

Let us pray...

**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants, who having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 711

*For All the Saints*

#### ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

When we remember the saints, we do so with rose-colored glasses. We watch the highlight reels of their lives in our minds, leaving their missteps and mistakes on the cutting room floor. We want to hold on to the very best of them, but in doing so, we forget the complexities that made them human—that make us human. God wants every part of us, not just the highlight reel. So, let us come before God with honesty and authenticity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.

**Forgive us for trying to pretend we're perfect.**

Holy God, we confess that we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can achieve perfection, and try to eliminate all the mess from our lives so we can feel in control.

**Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you've ever asked of us is to be human.**

Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren't human too.

**Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.**

Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us, and hold us secure in the promise of future glory. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of faith, hear the good news: you do not have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.**

#### TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

On All Saints Day, we take time to remember and honor those who have gone before us. While they were with us, we saw them face to face. Their voice, their touch, their smile. And now, beyond the veil that separates this world and the next, what we see is the glow of their Christ-light, flickering as part of the great cloud of witnesses.

Saints from Salem United Methodist Church:

*Ruth Hilliard, Leroy Gibson, Barbara Martindale, Sharon Greene, Sandra Durst, David Siddons, Rose Rotureau, Barry Reynolds, John Freeman, Charles Trebuchon, Karen Monts, Mark Meetze, Willa McLane, Jessica Meetze, Donald Hinson, Rick Hiers, Bill Sills, Marsha Hewson, Anita Weed*

Though we don't see them face to face any longer, these saints are not gone. Their memory lives on in us as their soul lives on in their Creator. Their Christ-light shines just as brightly as before, unbound now by the physical limitations of their earthly bodies. They are now part of the glory that awaits beyond this life. **Thanks be to God!**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we entrust these souls to you. As you formed them from the earth, we have returned their bodies to the earth. And as you breathed your breath of life into them, their souls have returned to you, Source of All. Hold them close, and hold us close, too. Give us your peace as we await the day we return to you in glory. In life, in death, and in life after death, we trust in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*In Remembrance*

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 95

\*HYMN 577

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

#### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3

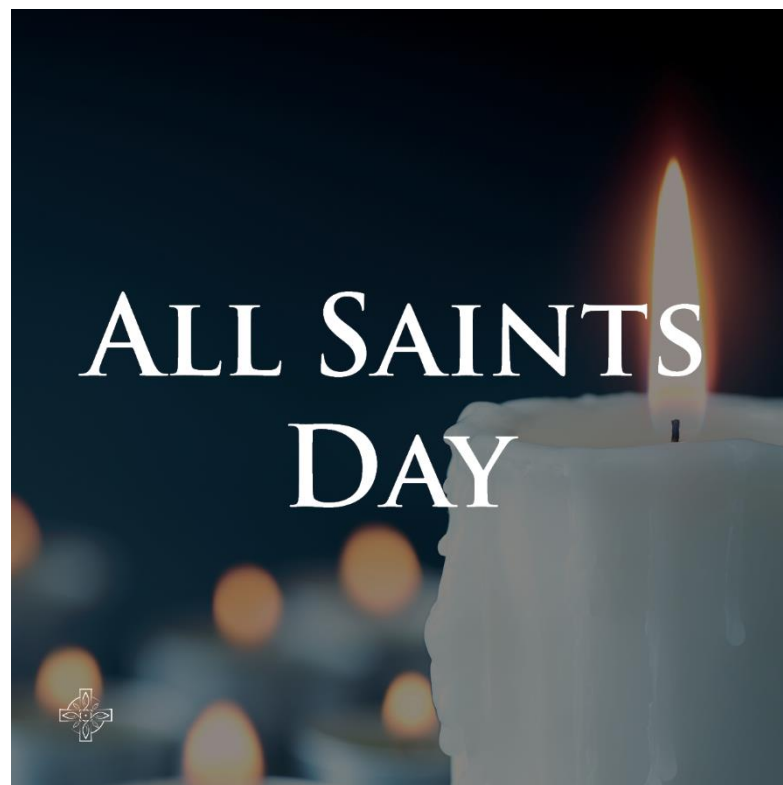
ALL SAINTS MEDITATION

*A Great Cloud of Witnesses*

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The saints have gathered around this Table week after week for thousands of years because this simple meal of bread and wine brings us together as only our Heavenly Father can, across space and time, one family of faith, existing in the eternity of God's grace. This meal is for you. Whether this is your first time or your thousandth, you are welcome at this Table because



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it is Christ himself who invites you. So, come to the family meal. The saints have saved you a seat.

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...May we then come to know the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Paul tells the Corinthians, "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

#### 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 620

*One Bread, One Body*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE 557(v.4)

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

\*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.*

#### STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of October 27, 2024

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

Unified budget received \$5,759.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$633,166.83

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$519,579.06

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 134 Sunday School 58	383

**Flood Bucket/Relief \$816**

#### 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, 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, Dustin Tanner, Terry Waites

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

**Ushers:**

Lead – Ryan Cole

Charles Cole

Faith Magann

Pierce Rhodes

**Trustee:**

Randy Hilliard

**Sound Booth:**

Dustin Tanner

**Acolyte:**

Sherri Puette

**Nursery:**

Martina Thomas, Kenzie Griner

### *Flower Ministry*

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Francis Haltiwanger and in celebration of Michael's birthday.

### *Our Christian Sympathy*

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Anita Weed upon her death.

### *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!*

## Memorials in Loving Memory of

*Don Hinson* by Jim & Marie Lewis – Building Fund

*Jessica Meetze* by Jimmy & Brenda Dye – cemetery Fund

*Mark Meetze* by Jimmy & Brenda Dye – cemetery Fund

*Bill Silks* by Jim & Marie Lewis – Building Fund

*Bill Silks* by James David Lindler – Handbells 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!

## OASIS Event

It's time for our annual Thanksgiving Feast! Join us on **Tuesday, November the 19<sup>th</sup>** 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. 14<sup>th</sup>** so we may accurately prepare for our event.

## 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.

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, November 3

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 4

6:00 P.M. . . . . Faith Circle

### Tuesday, November 5

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

### Wednesday, November 6

7:00 A.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
 10:30 A.M. . . . . Salem Morning Circle @ Seekers Class  
 6:30 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 7

6:30 P.M. . . . . World Thank Celebration  
 6:30 P.M. . . . . LMA Meeting  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Saturday, November 9

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

### 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

## Sharing God's Love

**Current Pantry Needs:** Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Canned Meats, Chili, Corn, Mixed Vegetables, Diced Tomatoes, Dried Beans, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Fruit Juices, Boxed Desserts, Jello, Canned or Powdered Milk.

**Household Items:** Feminine Care Products, New Underwear for Adults & Kids, White Socks All Sizes, 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.*

**467 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Follow us on Instagram (saleumcofirmo) 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.nesservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>