

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873

December 15, 2024 The Third Sunday of Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

*The color blue represents hope during Advent,
a season of new beginnings.*

THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

As we gather for worship today, we bring to God our longing for joy, both for ourselves and for the world.

***SUNG PRAYER FOR JOY** "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (TFWS 2157)
Come and fill our hearts with your joy. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your joy, Alleluia!

Pause for silent prayer.

Zephaniah announced to the people of Israel, the coming day of God's joy, so we boldly echo today: "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst... The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." (Zephaniah 3:16-18)

Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of Joy, and Love, and Hope. (based on Luke 1: 78-79)

Lighting the candles of Joy, and Love, and Hope.

OPENING PRAYER

SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

OPENING CAROL

***HYMN 238**

Angels We Have Heard on High

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

***HYMN 196**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.

Instrumental:

Lo How A Rose

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness

Anthem:

The First Noel - Dan Forrest

(Offering takes place during this anthem)

FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

***HYMN 250**

Once in Royal David's City

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.

***HYMN 2098**

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Anthem:

Away in a Manger - Molly James

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger

Anthem:

Brightest and Best - Shawn Kirchner

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

***HYMN 254**

We Three Kings

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Anthem:

How Great Our Joy - Mark Grizzard

CLOSING CAROL

***HYMN 234**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Indicates that the congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your participation. **Bold titles indicate congregation participation.*

A SPECIAL THANKS TO TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

Flute: Sarah High

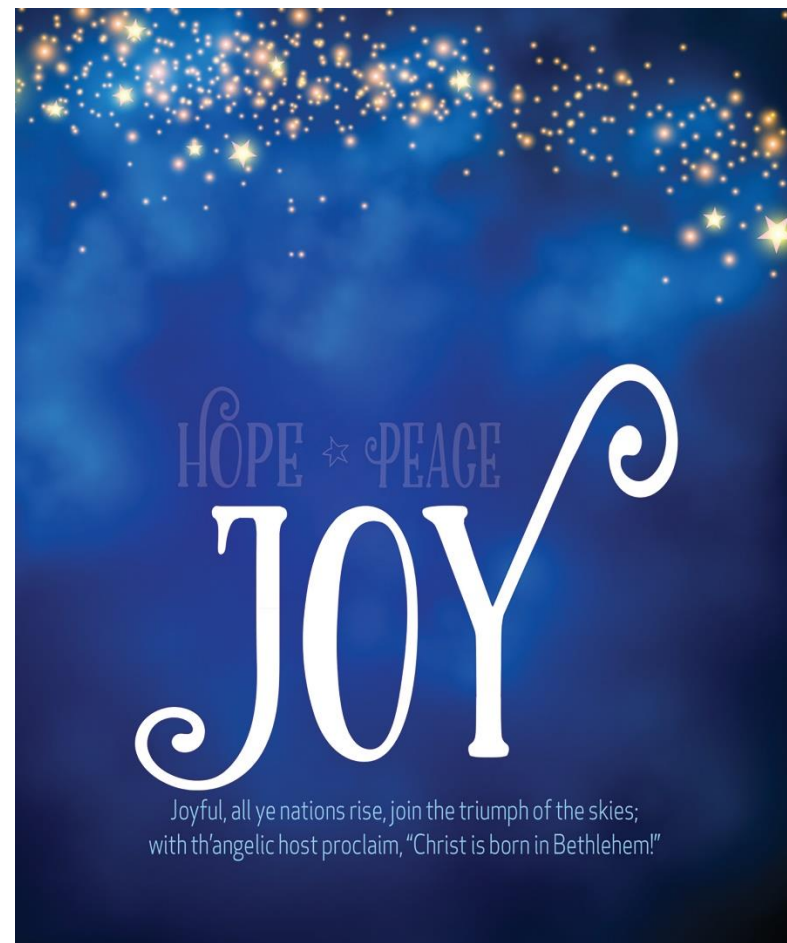
Horn: Judah Rendelman

Organ: Miriam Lovett

Percussion: Cory High

Piano: Will Byrd

Violin: Sarah Spencer



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STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of December 8, 2024

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

Unified budget received \$9,602.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$721,515.69

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$583,970.11

Attendance

Worship 139 Sunday School 67

On Line Viewing

379

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — 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,

Frank Eargle, Mitchell Faulkenberry, Inez Hyatt, Joyce Lewis,

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

Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson, Mary Simon,

Marty Spearman, Susan Spearman, Steve Smith, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – Ryan Cole

Scott Butler

Ted Hornsby

Ron Joye

Mike Thacker

Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

Acolyte:

Rachel Rhodes

Nursery:

Claressa Poppell, Kenzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mary Catherine and Dillon Greenway's anniversary by Keith and Donna Corley.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Carolyn Brower on her passing.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

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

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to my Salem family for your prayers, cards, calls, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery and cancer treatment. I am most appreciative.

Steve Smith

OASIS Christmas Gathering

Join us this **Tuesday, December 17th at 11:30** for our annual Christmas get together. Attendees are asked to bring your favorite heavy hors d'oeuvres and feel free to wear your holiday attire. Our very own, William Byrd will be with us to share his musical talent and provide some festive cheer! We will be accepting financial donations for Reconciliation Ministries. Call the church office to say you'll join us and share the food item you plan to bring as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you!

2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome Center. Cost is **\$96 for two arrangements** and is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone special. The arrangements are yours to take following the service. If you would like to donate the flowers, they will be arranged into several different vases to be delivered to shut-ins and the sick. *Please help support the church in this meaningful manner.*

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Jessica Meetze

by Roswell & Sadie Meetze – BuildingFund

Harvey Peurifoy

by Larry & June Salters – General Fund

Bill Rolin

by Salem United Women of Faith – Building Fund



Light up the Night

The youth will be providing luminaries again this year for the Christmas Eve service. You may give a luminary in honor, or memory of someone. Please make donations out to the church designating them to Youth Luminaries. We will collect these through **Dec. 15**.

All funds collected will be used by the youth to purchase a new projection/Monitor system for the Fellowship Hall to replace what was damaged. Thank you for all your support.

Please note: *Names received after Dec. 15 are not guaranteed to be printed in bulletin due to time needed to get everything created and printed.*

Minimum donation of \$1.00 per bag

Please Print

In Honor Of:

Given By:

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Given By:

In Memory Of:

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Given By:

You may add additional names on a separate sheet. The funds will go to Youth Missions.



Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

Sandra Durst by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Bill Sills by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Anita Weed by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Anne Pickens Collins by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Jean Phillips by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Bill Sills by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Jim Underwood by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Joan Underwood by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Fred and Virginia Denton by Rick & Cheryl Denton
 Carl Dionisio by Rick & Cheryl Denton
 Billy & Joyce Gibbons by Martha Gibbons
 Mary & Curtis Gibbons by Martha Gibbons
 Don & Dorothy Hensen by Lance & Janet Hensen
 Dale & Sarah Stephens by Lance & Janet Hensen
 Eula M. O'Sheal by Don & Miriam Lovett
 Linda Carder by Kyle & Sandra Nash
 Willard Nash by Kyle & Sandra Nash
 Dale Sessions by Kyle & Sandra Nash
 Ralph & Amy Rustin by Shep & Lynn Rustin
 D.C. & Sybil Westbury by Shep & Lynn Rustin
 Mrs. Thomas M. Gregg by Pete & Marty Spearman
 Mary Francis Spearman by Pete & Marty Spearman

General Fund Donations Given

In Loving Memory of:

John Drakeford by Gwen Drakeford
 John & Ruth Hilliard by Randy & Natalie Hilliard
 Homer & Mabel Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Brady & Anita Weed by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Carl & Margie Weed by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Tally & Pearl Weed by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Barry & Derek Joye by Ron & Deborah Joye
 Will & Nellie Joye by Ron & Deborah Joye
 Brady & Anita Weed by Ron & Deborah Joye
 Carl & Margie Weed by Ron & Deborah Joye
 Sally Clary Lee by John & Lisa Lee
 Louise O. Younginer by Don & Miriam Lovett
 Rev. & Mrs. George Baker by Steve & Mary George Smith
 Nancy Baker Cooper by Steve & Mary George Smith
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith by Steve & Mary George Smith



Christmas Poinsettias

In Love and Honor of:

Pastor Jeff & Delaine by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Bill, Faye & Andy Childs by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Larry & June Salters by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Office Staff by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Salem Choir by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 David & Henrietta Ball by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Greg & Trisha Mayer by Luther & Barbara Chandler
 Rhonda Collins by Joel Collins
 Jeff Childress by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Andy Childs by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Bill Childs by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Faye Childs by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Sarah High by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Miriam Lovett by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Tina Overton by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Shep Rustin by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Sandra Sills by Joel & Rhonda Collins
 Pastor Jeff & Delaine Childress by Martha Gibbons
 Larry Salters by Martha Gibbons
 Salem UMC Staff by Ron & Deborah Joye
 Hattie Koon by Lill Mood
 Lula Liles by Lill Mood

General Fund Donations Given

In Love and Honor of:

Jimmy & Brenda Dye by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Francis Haltiwanger by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Inez Hyatt by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Boone Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Ryann Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Tally Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Will & Dawn Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Debbie & Ronnie Joye by Dan & Carla Jennings
 Steve & Mary George Smith by Dan & Carla Jennings
 The Dan Jennings Family by Ron & Deborah Joye
 The Erika Joye Family by Ron & Deborah Joye
 The Furman Lovett Family by Ron & Deborah Joye
 Steve & Mary George Smith by Ron & Deborah Joye
 John & Maureen Lee by John & Lisa Lee
 Pat & McLeod Murray by John & Lisa Lee
 Salem United Women in Faith by June Salters

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, December 15
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 3:30 P.M. Kid's Quest
 4:00 P.M. Prayer Class
 4:00 P.M. Youth @ Griner's House
 5:30 P.M. Tweens

Tuesday, December 17
 11:30 A.M. OASIS
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 18
 7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 19
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, December 21
 10:00 A.M. Nurses Honor Guard
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, December 22
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

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.

**1693 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Nov. 26th.
582 of the items came from OASIS.**

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.

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 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. You can also visit the link:
<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>