

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Series: *Let's Be the Church!*

Today's Message:
*The Believers Taught and
Proclaimed the Good News*

January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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The color white is used today representing the season after the Epiphany.

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

(based on Acts 2:42-47)

Friends in Christ, long ago when Christ's church first came together, what were its defining characteristics?

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. **They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.**

And the lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray:

Gracious God, who unites us in love and purpose, we come as Your people, devoted to Your Word, to fellowship, to breaking bread, and to prayer. Fill our hearts with gladness and generosity, and may our lives reflect Your grace. Let us grow in faith and in favor with all, as we live as witnesses of Your redeeming power. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 163 *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5:17-42

*HYMN 2243

We All Are One in Mission

PROCLAMATION

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 593

Here I Am, Lord

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH FOR JUDAH RENDELMAN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 558

We Are the Church (verse 3)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

*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 January 19, 2025

Will be reported next week.

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 137 Sunday School 60	323

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Cook

Lowman Home — Betty Hanzlick, 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,

Mary Ann Gibson, Inez Hyatt, Joyce Lewis, Lee McMillan,

Jonnie Mitchell, Margie Oswald, Barbara Pereira,

Shannon Robertson, Mary Simon,

Michael Smith, Steve Smith, Carol Stewart, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Ryan Cole Heather Bowers Will Bowers Brandon Stutts
Sound Booth:	Dustin Tanner
Trustee:	Pete Hornsby
Acolyte:	Sherri Puette
Nursery:	Dawn Horton, Claressa Poppell

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Wayne Haltiwanger by Francis Haltiwanger.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Edith Bouknight on her passing.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Any lady that would like to eat and socialize is welcome to join us for our Ladies Lunch Bunch. We will meet **Monday, January 27, at 11:30 at Carrabba's on Columbiana Drive.**

Series Summary from Week Two: *The Believers Share Their Possessions*

Three Takeaways:

1. The believers practiced radical generosity.
2. Commitment was the foundation of unity among them.
3. The believers were empowered and motivated by grace.

Dear Salem Family,

Thank you so very much for all the calls, cards, thoughts and prayers these past few weeks as Eric and I recovered from our surgeries and mom from her hospital stay. We appreciate and love y'all!

Blessings, Eric & Sherri Puette

OASIS

As most of you know, we had to cancel our last event featuring our guest speaker, Jennifer Brewton from the SC Department on Aging. **We have rescheduled this event for Tuesday, February 18th at 11:30.** Jennifer will share the many opportunities and programs that are available to our group within our local counties. We will enjoy a hot dog luncheon complete with all the trimmings. **Please be sure to call the church office by Thursday, Feb. 13th to sign up for the rescheduled date.** We look forward to seeing you then!

Souper Bowl Fundraiser Lunch

Please make plans to join us in a "Souper Bowl" fundraiser lunch right after the Youth lead our worship service on **Sunday, Feb 9.** This will be a donation only fundraiser with all money going towards Rise Against Hunger.

We also need help from all in the church. If you have a favorite soup that you like to cook and eat, we would love to have you make a crock pot of that soup for this lunch. Please contact Autumnne Smith at Autumnesmith452@gmail.com if you are willing to do this. Thank you to everyone for supporting this cause to end hunger around the world.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes have arrived for 2025! They are in the Welcome Center.

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.***

Rise Against Hunger

Salem has begun their 2025 Rise Against Hunger project. Last week we began taking sign-ups and donations. The sign ups were remarkable with numerous people already signed up to participate. WE invite anyone who would like to join to please do so. The next step is to raise money to have food to pack. Last year we raised over \$10,000 to provide over 14,000 meals. We are challenging the church this year to donate enough to be able to pack over 15,000 meals. Please consider donating to this and also mention this project to your places of business as last year several companies provided a large portion of the money raised.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Carolyn Brower

by Paul & Cheryl (Weed) Lundy – Building Fund

Dot Corley

by Lee & Janice Ayers– Flower Ministry

by James David Lindler – Handbell Fund

by Paul & Cheryl (Weed) Lundy – Building Fund

Anita Weed

by Paul & Cheryl (Weed) Lundy – Building Fund

NEW Youtube Channel for Salem UMC

Salem UMC now has their own Youtube channel. This will be another location that you can go to in order to watch our weekly services live, as well as past recorded services. Facebook is still an option as well, but this provides a new channel to view services. Please search for **@salemumc** on Youtube to find the service.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, January 26

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
5:00 P.M. Tweens
5:00 P.M. **No Youth**

Monday, January 27

11:30 A.M. Ladies' Lunch Bunch@ Carrabba's

Tuesday, January 28

11:30 A.M. OASIS
6:30 P.M. Ricefield Plantation HOA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting (Seekers Class)
7:00 P.M. Church Council Meeting (Seekers Class)
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 1

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, February 2

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

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, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, etc. Chili, Soup, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Corn, Diced Tomatoes, Canned Meats, Fruit Juices Canned or Powdered Milk.

Household Items: New underwear for adults & kids, used underwear for kids & men, white socks all sizes, queen and king sheets, blankets, comforters, bed linens and comforters, blankets - all sizes, wash cloths, hand towels, bath towels, pots, pans, plates, glasses, cookware, bakeware, kitchen linens and small appliances.

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

340 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Dec. 16th.

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



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.

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>