

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



February 16, 2025  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

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*The color green is used today representing a season of hope, life, and growth.*

## THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE Salem Ringers

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

**May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

**May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

**May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

**May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!**

Let us pray:

**Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease. Renew us in Your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of Your abundant love. Awaken us to the role we can play in healing Your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear Your word and move forward in faith. Amen.**

\*HYMN 132 *All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded*

A TIME OF PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 17:5-8

ANTHEM *Walk As a Child of the Light*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:17-26

\*HYMN 529 *How Firm a Foundation*

PROCLAMATION *Reversal of Fortune*

\*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 467 *Trust and Obey*

\*Benediction

\*CHORAL RESPONSE 402 *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.*

\*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 February 9, 2025

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$15,100.37

Unified budget received \$7,822.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$90,602.22

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$63,119.00

### Attendance

Worship 141 Sunday School 57

### On Line Viewing

340

## PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

**Brookdale** — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

**Carroll Campbell Place** — Barbara Rolin

**Generations of Irmo** — Joyce Cook, Joyce Lewis

**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,  
Callie Dunn, Mitchell Faulkenberry, Mary Ann Gibson,  
Inez Hyatt, Joyce Lewis, Lee McMillan, Jonnie Mitchell,  
Margie Oswald, Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,  
Carol Stewart, Terry Waites

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

**Ushers:** Lead – John Hood  
Heather Bowers  
Will Bowers  
Randy Hilliard

**Sound Booth:** Dustin Tanner

**Trustee:** Steven Smith

**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 their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Will and Heather Bowers.

## *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

*Dot Corley*

by David & Martina Thomas – Building Fund

## OASIS

Join us **this Tuesday at 11:30** if you signed up for this event. Jennifer Brewton, from the SC Department on Aging will be here to share the many opportunities and programs that are available within our county. We will enjoy a hot dog luncheon complete with all the trimmings. We look forward to seeing you then!

## *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, February 24, at 11:30 at BJ's at 148 Harbison Blvd.**

## Life Line Screening

Salem will be hosting another Life Line Screening on **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you are over 40 and interested in signing up, please call 888-814-0466 and use promo code: HSCA001 or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607. You may also call the church office for additional information.

## The Church office will be closed on Monday for the holiday.

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.

## 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.*

**260 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Feb. 1st.**

## *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.***

## **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 **@saleumc** on Youtube to find the service.

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, February 16

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

### Monday, February 17

Office Closed

### Tuesday, February 18

11:30 A.M. . . . . OASIS  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Wednesday, February 19

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

### Thursday, February 20

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

### Saturday, February 22

6:00 P.M. . . . . Youth Laser Tag  
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

### Sunday, February 23

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

## 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.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>

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