

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 Broke Bread Together

February 2, 2025
4th 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

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 2264

Come to the Table

A TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM

You Make the Sun to Rise

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:9-23

*HYMN 2263

Broken for Me

PROCLAMATION

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*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 618

Let Us Break Bread Together

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 558

We Are the Church (verse 2)

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're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. 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.*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of January 19, 2025

Unified budget received \$5,979.00

Week of January 26, 2025

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

Unified budget received \$14,305.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$60,401.48

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$44,156.00

Attendance

Worship 122 Sunday School 59

On Line Viewing

328

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,

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 Brandon Stutts
Sound Booth:	Dustin Tanner
Trustee:	Steven Smith
Acolyte:	Sherri Puette
Nursery:	PJ Baker, Lily Cole

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jim Lewis, Sr. by Joyce, Jim & Marie, David & Jean Lewis.

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!

Series Summary from Week Three: *The Believers Taught and Proclaimed Good News*

Three Takeaways of the fundamentals of the early church:

1. Faithfulness was evident from the believers and God.
2. Evangelism came by way of conversation and invitation.
3. Good news is intended to be shared.

Listening Prayer Class

We are restarting the Listening Prayer class this week on Sunday from 4 to 6 PM. We are beginning by reading and discussing the book of Hebrews.

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.

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!

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.**

Life Line Screening

Salem will be hosting another Life Line Screening on **Monday, March 17th**. 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.

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

Edith Bouknight

by Dan & Carla Jennings – Cemetery Fund

Carolyn Brower

by Phillip & Millie Fore – Missions Fund

Dot Corley

by Susie Abston, Kim & Steve Boyce,
Phillip & Millie Fore, Kathy & Steve Fogler-Payer,
Kerri Labelle, Kim Power, Denice Sheehan,
Larry Sorrell, Cindy & Richard Sweat,
Laura & Mike Turner, Elaine & Bill Westmoreland
– Flower Ministry

by Ron & Deborah Joye, Larry & June Salters
– General Fund

by Tommy & Allison McLendon – Building Fund

Bill Rolin

by Phillip & Millie Fore – Cemetery Fund

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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
 4:15 P.M. Youth Sunday Prep
 5:00 P.M. Tweens
 5:00 P.M. Youth

Monday, February 3

6:00 P.M. Faith Circle

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

6:30 P.M. LMA Meeting
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 8

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, February 9

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
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 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 (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.

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>