

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



February 9, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Youth Sunday

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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 Faith Magann

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

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Faith Magann

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

**God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

Let us worship God today –

**Because we are God's people.**

Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN** *I Thank God* Maverick City Music

WHAT HAS YOUTH GROUP MEANT TO ME? Mason Vyskocil

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Communication with God*  
Lily Cole and EV Horton

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS Tom and Carol Jackson

MORNING PRAYER AND **LORD'S PRAYER** Molly Vyskocil

**OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY** Slide Show with Music  
*Praise You Anywhere* (Brandon Lake)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 10:8-13 Pierce Rhodes

ANTHEM *Abandon* (Benjamin Williams Hastings)

GOSPEL READING John 3:11-21 Molly Vyskocil

**\*HYMN** *All Creatures of our God and King* (Dave Crowder Band)

MESSAGE

What does it mean to really accept Christ? Madison Strait

When do you know it's time to accept Christ? Charles Cole

What do you do after you accept Christ? Michael Smith

How do we hear from Christ? Kenzie Griner

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Peyton Baker

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *O Come to the Altar* (Elevation Worship)

BLESSING FOR THE MEAL

**\*BENEDICTION** Thomas Brewton

I pray that out of his glorious riches the Father may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19

**\*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!*

**\*HYMN** *I Thank God* Maverick City Music

*Wandering into the night Wanting a place to hide This weary soul,  
this bag of bones And I tried with all my mind And I just can't win  
the fight I'm slowly drifting, oh vagabond And just when I ran out  
of road I met a man I didn't know And he told me That I was not  
alone*

*He picked me up He turned me around He placed my feet on solid  
ground I thank the Master I thank the Savior Because He healed  
my heart He changed my name Forever free, I'm not the same I  
thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God*

*I cannot deny what I see Got no choice but to believe My doubts  
are burning Like ashes in the wind So, so long to my old friends  
Burden and bitter night*

*You can't just keep them moving No, you ain't welcome here From  
now 'til I walk The streets of gold I'll sing of how You saved my  
soul This wayward son Has found his way back home*

*He picked me up Turned me around Placed my feet on solid  
ground I thank the Master I thank the Savior Because He healed  
my heart Changed my name Forever free, I'm not the same I thank  
the Master I thank the Savior*

**Oh, I thank God (4 times)**

**Hell lost another one I am free, I am free, I am free (8 times)**

*He picked me up He turned me around He placed my feet on solid  
ground I thank the Master I thank the Savior Because He healed  
my heart He changed my name Forever free, I'm not the same I  
thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God*

**\*HYMN** *All Creatures of our God and King* (Dave Crowder Band)

*All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us  
sing Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise  
Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heav'n  
along Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in one Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise, praise the Father praise the Son And praise the Spirit three  
in one Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*HYMN** *O Come to the Altar* (Elevation Worship)

*Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight  
of your sin? Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling*

*O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness  
was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ Leave behind  
your regrets and mistakes Come today, there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From  
the ashes, a new life is born Jesus is calling (oh, oh)*

*O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness  
was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

*O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness  
was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

*Oh, what a Savior Isn't He wonderful? Sing Hallelujah, Christ is  
risen Bow down before Him For He is Lord of all Sing Hallelujah,  
Christ is risen*

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*O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness  
was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ (oh-oh)*

*Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the  
treasure you found*

### STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

#### Week of February 2, 2025

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$15,100.37  
Unified budget received \$11,241.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$75,501.85  
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$55,297.00

Attendance		On Line Viewing
Worship 126	Sunday School 50	434

## Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the  
Glory of God and in memory of their nephew, Keith Maciejewski,  
by David and Nancy Schmidt.

## Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Gwen  
Drakeford and family on the death of her brother, Marion  
Thompson.

### 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:** Robin Jones, Susan Price

## Souper Bowl Fundraiser Lunch

Please make plans to join us in a "Souper Bowl" fundraiser lunch  
right after our worship service **today**. This will be a donation only  
fundraiser with all money going towards Rise Against Hunger.

## 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  
18<sup>th</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup>  
to sign up for the rescheduled date.** 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.**

## Listening Prayer Class

The Listening Prayer class has returned on **Sunday from 4 to 6 PM**. We are beginning by reading and discussing the book of Hebrews.

## 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.

## 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

*Dot Corley*

by Jennifer Stalvey - Flower Ministry

*Marion Thompson*

by Seekers Class - General Fund

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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>

## 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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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, February 9

9:30 A.M. .... Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. .... Morning Worship  
11:30 A.M. .... Souper Bowl Lunch  
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 10

6:00 P.M. .... Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, February 11

9:00 A.M. .... Staff Meeting  
6:00 P.M. .... Trustee Meeting  
7:00 P.M. .... AA Meeting

### Wednesday, February 12

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

### Thursday, February 13

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

### Saturday, February 15

10:00 A.M. .... Nurses Honor Guard  
7:00 P.M. .... AA Meeting

### 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

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.

## 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

