

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday

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*The color white is used today in celebration of
Transfiguration Sunday.*

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

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

We come to witness God's glory revealed.

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

We come to remember God's glory revealed.

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God.

Let us pray:

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.

*HYMN 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *Do Not Fear, For You Are Mine* by Lloyd Larson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

*HYMN 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PROCLAMATION

What Goes Up, Must Come Down

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

The 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 173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 349 *Turn your Eyes upon Jesus*
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

*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 February 8, 2026

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$15,042.40

Unified budget received \$17,479.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$90,370.34

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$69,384.10

Attendance

Worship 166 Sunday School 66

On Line Viewing

131

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Encompass — Nancy Kyre

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Lewis

Heritage at Lowman — E.L. Ayers, Bob Davis, Vicky Harris

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

White Oak Manor (Newberry) — Debra Ailes

Special Prayers — Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler,

Emma Davis, David Dunn, Mary Ann Gibson, Peggy Gooch,

Dawn Haltiwanger, Inez Hyatt, Johnnie Metts, Lee McMillan,

Jonnie Mitchell, Margie Oswald, Mike Owen, Barbara Pereira,

Lucretia Seigler, Dustin Tanner, Gail Van Valkenburg,

Jim Van Valkenburg, Terry Waites, Marie Wicker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Ted Hornsby Heather Bowers Will Bowers Mike Thacker
Sound Booth:	Dustin Tanner
Trustees:	Steven Smith
Acolyte:	Preston Price
Nursery:	Thomas Brewton PJ Baker

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 27th anniversary by Will and Heather Bowers.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 we will gather for an Ash Wednesday Service including the imposition of Ashes. This service is our traditional beginning of the Lenten Season of repentance.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to:

Ira Parnell and family upon the passing of his wife, Gwen Parnell.

Cheryl Denton and family upon the passing of her mother, Virginia Dionisio.

Laura Siddons and family upon the passing of her father, John Allen Porter.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Special Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who remained after church last Sunday to enjoy our Sweetheart Luncheon! If you missed it, be sure to join us at our next scheduled event on Palm Sunday. It's a great opportunity to fellowship and get to know your church friends a little better! A special note of appreciation to Autumnne Smith, chair of our Family Ministries who prepared our delicious lasagna meal!

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb 17, the youth will be hosting their annual Pancake Supper. We invite everyone to come and join us between **4:30 and 6:30** for a great "Breakfast @ Dinner" meal. It is donation only cost and all the funds raised will assist in the Youth going to Dallas, TX for Youth 2027. Tell your friends and family and we will see everyone there.

OASIS - February 17th at 11:30

It's February and a good month for soup and Bingo, so our OASIS gathering for next month will consist of a variety of soups and desserts whipped up by YOU! We will need some gracious cooks to volunteer to make a pot of soup or a nice dessert for our group to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you!

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

After our break for the holidays the Ladies Lunch Bunch will resume our regular meetings. This month we will meet on **February 23, 11:30 a.m. at Carolina Wings** in Ballentine. All ladies are welcome.

Al-Anon Group

Salem UMC welcomes a newly forming Al-Anon group in the Journey Classroom on **Thursdays at 1 PM**. The group welcomes all family and friends who have been affected by the problems of alcohol or drug abuse and addiction in a loved one. If you have questions, please call 803-465-1609.

Memorials in Loving Memory of Joyce Cook

by Amanda Corsi – Flower Fund

by Phillip & Millie Fore – Cemetery Fund

by Ron & Deborah Joye – Pew Fund

by Larry & June Salters – General Fund

by David & Martina Thomas – Building Fund

Virginia Dionisio

by Phillip & Millie Fore – Cemetery Fund

Gary Hewson

by Bill & Susan Price – Pew Fund

Lavon Lindgren

by Ron & Deborah Joye – Pew Fund

Gwen Parnell

by Ron & Deborah Joye – Pew Fund

by Lou Holmes & Margo Van Rosevelt – Pew Fund

by Steve & Mary George Smith – General Fund

Mary Rye

by Worth & Susie Wells – Building Fund

Jacqueline Jayne Thacker

by Bill & Susan Price – Pew Fund

Alan Wells

by Ron & Deborah Joye – Pew Fund

by Bill & Susan Price – Pew Fund

by David & Nancy Schmidt – Building Fund

by Mike & Shelia Thacker – General Fund

Genesis by Jamie and Donna Winship

Sunday Nights Beginning February 22nd from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
 Would you like to go back to the beginning and gain understanding and learn about the thread that connects us all in the Bible? Would you like to understand your worldview and why you see things the way you do sometimes? Would you like to exchange a scarcity mindset with a connected mindset, seeking connection with God in all you do? Then this is the discussion for you... This course has a cost of \$30.00 (cost of the workbook) We will watch the video and then discuss the information we studied during the week. This will be a 10-week Bible study meeting in the Fellowship Sunday School Classroom. Please order the workbook and begin working prior to our first discussion. *Please contact Heather Magann at 843-446-7280 or hmagann@gmail.com with any questions.*



Salem UMC Over 50's PROM 2026

Salem UMC youth are going to host a PROM on Saturday, **March 21 from 5:00 - 7:00pm** for anyone and everyone 50 and over!!! Dress in your best and fanciest outfit and join for a blast to the past by walking down the red carpet to a night of dancing, dinner, pictures and more. This is a fundraiser hosted by the youth going to *Youth 2027* in Dallas TX. This PROM will be held in our fellowship hall and will be a night to remember. Tickets are \$50 per couple or \$30 per individual and now on sale in the Welcome Center as well as contacting jimmagann@gmail.com.

Lighthouse for Life - Light the Night 5k Walk/Run

Join us in supporting Lighthouse for Life and their fight against Human Trafficking in their Light the Night walk on **Saturday, March 7** at Saluda Shoals Park. Go to their website to register for this event and enjoy a night of fellowship walking together or run if you want to. <https://lighthouseforlife.org/blog/events/light-the-night-5k-run-walk-2025/>

Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, March 8 will be a church-wide safe Sanctuary Training. This is for everyone who works with, or would like to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults. The training will be led by Rev Laurie Brandis who is the Director of Safe Sanctuary Training for the Methodist Conference. Even if you have been trained recently, please make plans to join us. There will be a lunch provided in the Fellowship Hall after church on march 8 and the training will begin at 12:30pm.

BLOOD SHORTAGE

Blood donors needed now

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Tuesday, March 10, 2026
11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

1321 Salem Church Road Irmo SC 29063
Room Name: Fellowship Hall

Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card by email & successful donations
get A1C testing! rcblood.org/March

For an appointment, please scan or visit RedCrossBlood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

2026 Flower Calendar

The 2026 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.***

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, February 15
 9:30 A.M. Compass Kids
 9:30 A.M. Discovery
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 3:00 P.M. Youth / Children Council Meeting
 4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
 5:00 P.M. Youth

Tuesday, February 17
 11:30 A.M. OASIS
 4:30 P.M. Pancake Supper
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 18
 7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 6:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19
 1:00 P.M. AI-Anon Group
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 21
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, February 22
 9:30 A.M. No Compass Kids
 9:30 A.M. Discovery
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. No Kid's Quest
 4:30 P.M. Genesis Bible Study
 5:00 P.M. Youth

Sharing God's Love

Urgent Pantry Needs: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Can Soup, Canned Fruit, Diced Tomatoes, Coffee, Tea, Chili, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Fruit Juices, Cranberry Sauce, Canned or Powered Milk.

Household Items: King & Queen-sized sheets and comforters (new or gently used). New underwear for adults & kids, Winter coats, New socks all sizes, blankets all sizes, wash cloths, hand & bath towels, pots, pans, plates, glasses, cookware, bakeware, kitchen linens, small appliances.

Santa's Shop: Toys for Ages 1-18, Christmas PJ's, Stocking Stuffers, Candy, Games, Books, Personal Care Gift Sets, Gift Cards, Gift Wrap or Bags, Older Teen Boy & Girl Gift Items.

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

297 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Jan. 13th.

91 items were from the Seekers Christmas Party

Special thanks to the Sunday school classes for the donations and Booking It Club for their cash donation.



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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*In case of an emergency,
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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Jeff Childress — Pastor
P. J. Baker — Director of Children's Ministries
Ben Beam — Pianist
Angie Lain — Manager of Business & Finance
Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist
Jim Magann — Coordinator of Children/Youth
and Missions Ministries
Christopher Moore - Director of Music Ministry
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
Dustin Tanner — Coordinator of A/V Tech and Communications
Marie Wicker — Administrative Coordinator

Follow us on Instagram ([salemumcofirmo](https://www.instagram.com/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>