

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

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*The color white is used today as a joyous and festive
representation of Easter.*

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**

Come, people of God. Come to Christ, the Living Stone, rejected by the world, yet chosen and precious in God's sight.

We come to be built into a spiritual house, to offer our lives in worship and praise.

As a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, let us worship God!

We gather to proclaim the mighty acts of the One who gives us life, purpose, and hope.

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, as we gather today, shape us and build us into a community that reflects Your love, mercy, and truth. Open our hearts to Your Word, that we may grow in faith and live as Your faithful witnesses. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 545 *The Church's One Foundation*

A TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *As the Deer* by Douglas E. Wagner

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

*HYMN 368 *My Hope Is Built*

PROCLAMATION *From Cradles to Cornerstones*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE LAVABO

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

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.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 558 *We Are the Church* (verse 1)
*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! The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. 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 and Opportunity for Prayer

We are honored if you are a guest with us today. If you'd like more information about Salem, we'd love to hear from you! Just scan the QR code to log your presence. If you are a first-time guest, we have a welcome gift for you 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!

If you have a prayer request and would like to share that with us, please scan the code and share your concern. We will pass along your request to dedicated individuals who pray over your need.



STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of April 26, 2026

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

Unified budget received \$8,426.66

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$255,836.74

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$200,168.38

Attendance

Worship 136 Sunday School 66

On Line Viewing

352

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Lewis

Heritage at Lowman — E.L. Ayers, Bob Davis, Nancy Kyre

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler,

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

Dawn Haltiwanger, Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan, Calvin Meetze,

Johnnie Metts, Jonnie Mitchell, Margie Oswald, Mike Owen,

Barbara Pereira, Lucretia Seigler, Gail & Jim Van Valkenburg,

Terry Waites, Susie Wells, Marie Wicker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Randy Hilliard
Jim Lewis
Faith Magann
Heather Magann

Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner

Trustees: Ryan Cole

Acolyte: Rachel Rhodes

Nursery: Dawn Horton
PJ Baker

Flower Ministry

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

Next Sunday We Celebrate
Our Mothers and Epworth!

Most of the children served by Epworth will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff or foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. The Mother's Day offering is our opportunity to partner with Epworth to improve the lives of the children and families they serve. For more information about Epworth, visit online at www.epworthsc.org.

Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars now for two special events in June!

June 14th after the 10:30 service for a retirement celebration honoring Jeff Childress.

June 28th before the 10:30 service for a drop-in meet and greet for Julie Belman.

Salem's Morning Circle

Morning Circle will meet for lunch on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 11:30 AM at Roxanne's Market, 2900 Dreher Shoals Rd, Columbia, SC 29212.**

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Debra Ailes

by Larry & June Salters - Pew Fund

by Faith Circle - Pew Fund

by Bill & Susan Price - Pew Fund

by Jim & Marie Lewis - Pew Fund

by OASIS - General Fund

Vicky Harris

by David & Martina Thomas - Building Fund

Graduates 2026

Do you have a family member that will be graduating this Spring from High School, College, or any other institution? If so please contact the church office and share that information with us so we can acknowledge it on **Graduation Sunday on May 17**. Please share their name and where they are graduating from.

OASIS

Join us for our annual year end pot luck event at the Church on the Lake site on **May 19, at 11:30**. We'll gather for a time of fellowship and good eats to wrap up our year. Call the church office to **RSVP** and share the dish you will be bringing by **Thursday, May 14**. We look forward to our time together and hope to hear from you.

Work Day at Epworth

We are having a work day at Epworth on **Saturday, May 16, 9 to 4**. All are invited! We will be doing landscaping at one of the cottages. We will have lunch at 12. We will have the shrubs and flowers on site. Please bring your favorite tools for landscaping. Come join us to be God's hands and feet for Epworth. Contact Tommy McLendon @ 803-530-4398.

Kindly Join Us For A
PIANO CONCERT
BY

Heather Magann

Student of Will Byrd
Will Byrd, Piano



Thursday, May 21
at 6:30 PM
Salem United Methodist Church
Light refreshments to follow.

Vacation Bible School is COMING

Vacation Bible School at Salem UMC is right around the corner. **June 22-25 from 5:00pm - 7:30pm**. We have a great theme this year, "Journey to the Center of the Bible". This will be a week of twists and turns and puzzles and clues, all designed to help you journey to find the Center of the Bible. Registration for Volunteers is ready to go so please prayerfully consider registering to help in any way and as much as you can for this week. Child Registration is open now!!!! WE CAN'T WAIT!!!!

Register now for the best VBS we have ever had!
<https://vbsmate.com/events/SalemVBSIrmo/31664>



Drive Thru Prayer Ministry
Salem United Methodist Church
1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC



Every Monday
7:30 - 9:00 AM
April 13th - May 18th

Start your day with a personalized prayer.
Commuters pull into our parking lot while remaining in your vehicle and offer up a prayer concern. No obligations. No solicitations.
Simply a moment of prayer.

FAITH CIRCLE MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN
MAY 10, 2026

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those women who are special to us... mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends, etc. To list the names of special women you would like to remember, please fill out this form, include payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, place it in an envelope marked **"Mother's Day,"** and drop it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to **"Faith Circle"** and be sure to fill out all the information on the form and **print clearly!** We regret that due to space we are unable to print special messages.

Money raised through these bulletins in 2025 supported many mission projects in our community such as the homeless, Rise Against Hunger, Epworth Children's Home, Salkehatchie, District 5 Backpack Program and projects of the United Women in Faith. Congregational support was also provided including a meal for Vacation Bible School, funds for Salem youth attendance at an upcoming out-of-state conference, and individual congregational support. Also, Christmas gifts were purchased for vulnerable adults in need through Families Helping Families and for orphans of the Midlands Orphan Relief Fund.

Please help us honor/remember all those women who are special to you and help us support these worthwhile mission projects during 2026. Contact Cheryl Denton, cheryldenton@gmail.com, if any questions.



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**Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."
 Deadline is Sunday, May 3, 2026.**

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, May 3
 9:30 A.M. Compass Kids
 9:30 A.M. Discovery
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Quest
 5:00 P.M. Youth

Monday, May 4
 7:30 A.M. Drive Through Prayer
 6:00 P.M. Faith Circle

Tuesday, May 5
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 6
 7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 11:30 A.M. Salem Morning Circle @ Roxanne's
 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 7
 1:00 P.M. Al-Anon Group
 6:30 P.M. LMA Meeting
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, May 9
 10:00 A.M. Nurses Honor Guard (Seekers Class)
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, May 10
 9:30 A.M. Compass Kids
 9:30 A.M. Discovery
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. **No** Quest
 5:00 P.M. **No** Youth

Sharing God's Love

Urgent Pantry Needs: Cold Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tea Bags, Elbow Pasta, Pasta Sauce, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc. Chili, Soup, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Canned Tomatoes, Canned Meats, Fruit Juices, Fruit Snacks, Canned or Powdered Milk

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

423 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on April 24th.

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.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063
CCLI #1562077

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*In case of an emergency,
call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*

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

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>

Staying Connected:

We are working to better streamline and coordinate communication within our church family. This includes sharing more updates on social media, keeping our website current, and now emailing important information to everyone at once. If you did not receive a recent church email and would like to be added to our list, please email smethodist@aol.com or call the church office at **(803) 781-1626**.