

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



April 12, 2026
2nd 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**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
God has given us new birth into a living hope.

Though trials may test us, they do not define us.
Our faith is being refined like gold in the fire.

Even when we do not see Christ, we love him.
Even when we cannot trace his hand, we trust his heart.

Let us rejoice with a joy that is deeper than circumstance.
**For Christ is risen, hope is alive, and God is with us. Thanks be
to God!**

Let us pray:
**Eternal God, you have called us into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to your presence,
steady our faith in every trial, and renew our joy as we
worship you today. Amen.**

***HYMN 364** *Because He Lives*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY 95**

ANTHEM *On Eagles Wings* Douglas E. Wagner

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

***HYMN 529** *How Firm a Foundation*

PROCLAMATION *Hope with a Pulse*

***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 368** *My Hope Is Built*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE 310** *He Lives (verse 1)*
*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is
living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his
voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near. He
lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks
with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to
impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within 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.*

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 April 5, 2026

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

Unified budget received \$24,788.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$210,709.54

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$172,433.97

Attendance

Worship 322 Sunday School 57

On Line Viewing

204

(Includes 10:30 service and sunrise service)

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

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 & Jim Van Valkenburg, Terry Waites, Marie Wicker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – Ryan Cole

Randy Hilliard

John Hood

Sherri Puette

Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

Trustees:

Scott Butler

Acolyte:

Rachel Rhodes

Nursery:

Claressa Poppell

Robin Jones

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our church family by Eric and Sherri Puette.

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. Please get us this info **no later than April 15**.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Joyce Cook

by Nancy Benson Chambers - Pew fund

Vicky Harris

by Dan & Carla Jennings - General fund

by Don & Miriam Lovett - Building fund

by Larry & June Salters - Pew fund

Gwen Parnell

by Nancy Benson Chambers - Pew fund



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.

Lighthouse for Life Event

Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, April 19 from 4:00 - 5:00p.m.** as we welcome speakers from Lighthouse for Life to join us and share all about their ministry. The Salem UMC Missions committee is sponsoring this event and we hope all will come and join us and see how we, as a church or individuals, can support this ministry as they fight Human Trafficking and support those who have been through it.

There will be a session for adults in the Sanctuary as well as a Youth Specific session in the Youth area. The Children's Ministry will have a separate program going on and will take care of all children at this time so any and all parents or grandparents can join us. We look forward to having many of you here to find out more about this ministry.

OASIS

Join us on **Tuesday, April 21st** as we take a road trip for lunch to **Shealy's Bar-B-Que in Batesburg-Leesville**. We will meet at Shealy's at 11:30 for those who want to join us there. If you would like to car pool with others, we will meet at the church around 10:40 to coordinate our trip. Please call the church office **to RSVP by Thursday, April 16th** and indicate if you will be meeting us at the restaurant or interested in carpooling.

Salem UMC Spring Bazaar



Saturday, April 25
9 AM - 2 PM

Plan to 'BEE' there!

Shop local • Find unique gifts

Vendors • Handmade Goods • Food • Fun

1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo

Vendor spots may be available:
FaithCircleSalemUMC@gmail.com

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 will begin Easter Sunday!!!! WE CAN'T WAIT!!!! Register now for the best VBS we have ever had!

<https://vbsmate.com/events/SalemVBSIrmo/31664>



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, April 12

9:30 A.M. Compass Kids
 9:30 A.M. No Discovery
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 3:00 P.M. Genesis Bible Study
 5:00 P.M. Youth

Monday, April 13

7:30 A.M. Drive Through Prayer
 6:00 P.M. Booking It Seekers Class
 6:00 P.M. SPRC Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 16

1:00 P.M. Al-Anon Group
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, April 18

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, April 19

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. Genesis Bible Study
 4:00 P.M. Lighthouse for Life

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

Household Items: XXXL Clothing, New Underwear for Adults & Kids, Used Underwear for Kids & Men, White Socks All Sizes Sheets, Blankets, Comforters, Wash Cloths, Hand Towels, Bath Towels, Household Items: Pots, Pans, Plates, Glasses, Cookware, Bakeware, Kitchen Linens, Small Appliances.

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

408 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on March. 28th.

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.



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

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.