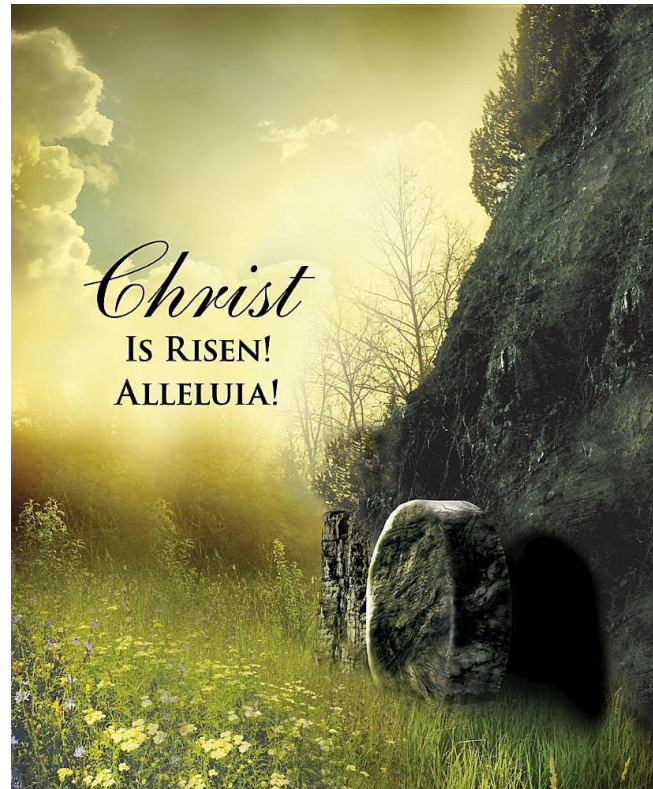


Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Series: Tell Me Something Good
Today: The Good News Is...
Alive in the World!

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

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

*After the hush of Holy Saturday that punctuates the weight of the command to love on Maundy Thursday, and the suffering of that Love on Good Friday, comes today's eruption of Easter! It's a multisensory shout in the face of death: **YOU ARE NOT THE END! CHRIST IS RISEN!***

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

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day when fear gives way to astonishment, when mourning turns to joy, for the stone has been rolled away and the good news refuses to stay buried.

The good news is alive, wild, unbound, and moving in the world.

Like mustard seeds taking root, like water turned to wine, like bread multiplied, resurrection life expands beyond every limitation.

The good news is alive in us, among us, and ahead of us.

So, do not be afraid. Come with wonder. Come with hope. Come ready to encounter the Living Christ.

We come to celebrate resurrection. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray:

Risen Christ, on this Easter morning, open our hearts to your living presence. Roll away the stones that keep us afraid or uncertain, and breathe new life into our worship, our witness, and our world. Make us people who see resurrection everywhere, and who carry good news wherever we go. Amen.

*HYMN 302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

A TIME OF PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah*
– Arr. El Lorenz

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

*HYMN 364

Because He Lives

PROCLAMATION

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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 261

Lord of the Dance

*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.*

Easter Sunrise Service
April 5, 2026
7:00 A.M.

EASTER MESSAGE Series Conclusion: Tell Me Something Good
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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING Were You There?

***CLOSING SONG** *Up from the Grave He Arose*

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:
Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! *[Refrain]*

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! *[Refrain]*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

We bid you a warm welcome this morning.
Please also consider joining us for Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. and Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 A.M. at Salem United Methodist Church at the corner of Highway 6 and Salem Church Road. **Reverend Jeff Childress.**

If you are visiting with us today and would like additional information about Salem United Methodist Church please fill out the following and deposit it in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

***SONG 1** *Morning Has Broken*

1. Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

WELCOME AND GRACE OF HOSPITALITY

OPENING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10

***SONG 2** *In the Garden*

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice, is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. *(Refrain)*

3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. *(Refrain)*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of March 29, 2026

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$15,042.40
Unified budget received \$7,749.65
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$195,667.14
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$147,645.96

Attendance **On Line Viewing**
Worship 133 Sunday School 70 180

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, 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
John Hood
Ron Joye
Sherri Puette
Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner
Trustees: Scott Butler
Acolyte: Preston Price
Nursery: Dawn Horton
PJ Baker

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mary Stewarts birthday by Clarice Gibbons.

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!

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Richard Harris and family on the death on his wife, Vicky Harris.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Virginia Dionisio

by Paul & Cheryl Lundy - Building fund

Rafe Ellisor

by Paul & Cheryl Lundy - Building fund

Gwen Parnell

by Paul & Cheryl Lundy - Building fund

Jim Poston

by Deborah Alcorn - Building Fund



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.

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.

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 5

7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service at the Church on the Lake site
 9:30 A.M. Compass Kids
 9:30 A.M. No Discovery
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 11:30 A.M. Pork for Pews Pickup
 3:00 P.M. Genesis Bible Study
 5:00 P.M. No Youth

Monday, April 6

6:00 P.M. Faith Circle

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 9

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

Saturday, April 11

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

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

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.

Collecting for Easter: Now thru March 31st:

Children's Easter Outfits, Easter Baskets, Grass, Eggs, Bibles, Journals, Easter Books, Devotional Items, Candy, Small Stuffed Animals, Spring Toys.

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.

The Church Office will be closed
Monday, April 6th.

Thank You!

Salem's UWIF sends many thanks to all who donated snack and toiletry items and funds for the Blessing in a Bag mission.

Because of your generosity Salem's ladies filled and gave 248 bags for foster kids / youth and fast food gift cards to drivers all to be shared directly with those in need during transport / care by SCYAP drivers. Your kindness made this mission a wonderful success!!!

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.

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.



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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Phone 803-781-1626

*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>

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.

