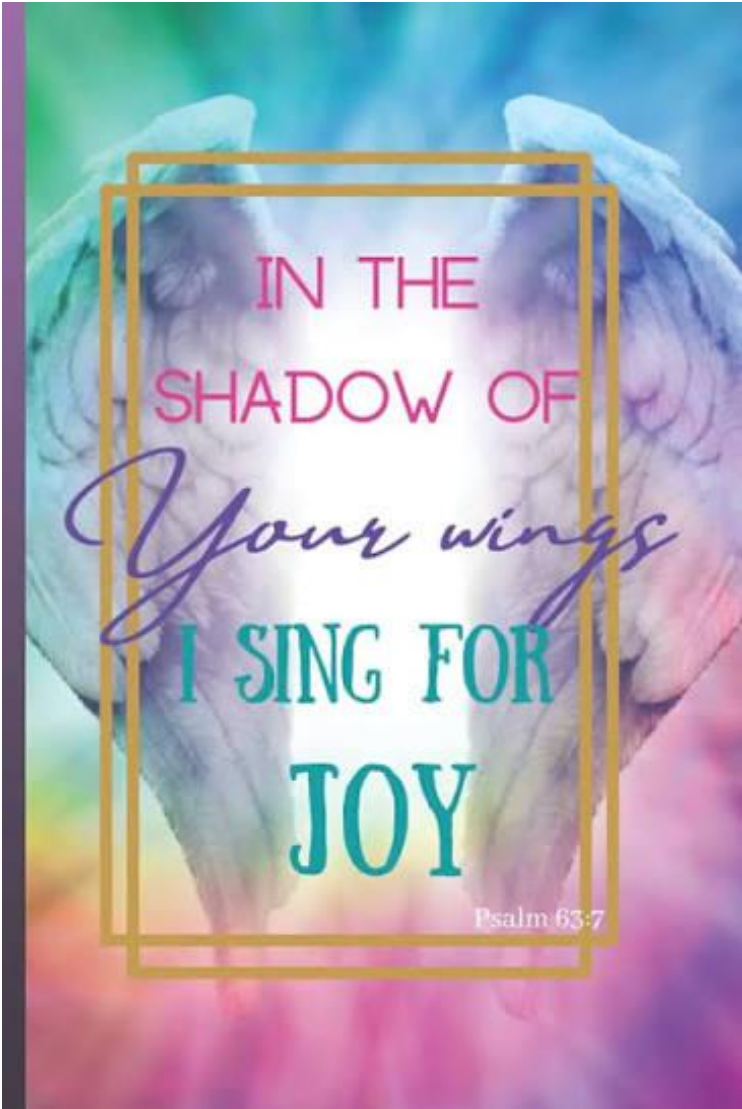


Salem United
Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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The color red is the color of fire, symbolizing the powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

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

O God, you are our God; we seek you with all our hearts.

Our souls thirst for you, our lives long for your presence.

In the dry and weary places of life, God meets us with steadfast love.

Your steadfast love is better than life itself; our lips will praise you.

God satisfies the hungry soul and fills the longing heart with goodness.

We rejoice in the shelter of your care and sing for joy.

Come, worship the God who turns our thirst into overflowing joy.

We come with grateful hearts, ready to praise the One who alone satisfies. Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Faithful and loving God, our souls long for you more than dry land longs for rain. Meet us in this hour of worship with your life-giving presence. Fill our emptiness with your steadfast love, turn our thirst into joy, and awaken our hearts to delight in you. Through your Spirit, draw us ever closer to Christ, that our lives may overflow with praise, hope, and abundant grace. Amen.

*HYMN 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our

Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

We invite children of all ages to come forth for the children's moment.

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
by Ben Beam

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 63*

*HYMN *Make Room*

1. Here is where I lay it down Every burden, every crown This is my surrender This is my surrender Here is where I lay it down Every lie and every doubt This is my surrender

Chorus: And I will make room for You To do whatever You want to To do whatever You want to And I will make room for You To do whatever You want to To do whatever You want to

2. Here is where I lay it down You are all I'm chasing now This is my surrender This is my surrender Here is where I lay it down You are all I'm chasing now This is my surrender This is my surrender (*Chorus*)

3. Shake up the ground of all my tradition Break down the walls of all my religion Your way is better Oh, Your way is better (*Chorus*)

PROCLAMATION *Summer in the Psalms: Sing for Joy*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 *The Apostles' Creed*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

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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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 98** *To God Be the Glory*
To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *(Refrain)*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *(Refrain)*

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE 593** *Here I Am, Lord (Refrain)*
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in 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.*

GATHERING TIME AND MUSIC

***SONG 1** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*
Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home; swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home; tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, coming for to carry me home; but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

The brightest day that I can say, coming for to carry me home; when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

WELCOME AND GRACE OF HOSPITALITY

OPENING PRAYER

***SONG 2** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 63

PROCLAMATION *Summer in the Psalms: Sing for Joy*

OFFERING/MUSICAL REFLECTION
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

***SONG 3** *Unclouded Day*
O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, O they tell me of a home far away; O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise; O they tell me of an uncloudy day.

Refrain: O the land of cloudless day, O the land of an uncloudy day. O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise, O they tell me of an uncloudy day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone, O they tell me of that land far away, Where the tree of life in eternal bloom Sheds its fragrance thro' the uncloudy day. *[Refrain]*

O they tell me of a King in His beauty there, And they tell me that mine eyes shall behold Where He sits on the throne that is whiter than snow, In the city that is made of gold. *[Refrain]*

O they tell me that He smiles on His children there, And His smile drives their sorrows all away; And they tell me that no tears ever come again, In that lovely land of uncloudy day. *[Refrain]*

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Indicates that the Congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your participation. **Bold Titles indicate Congregation Participation.*

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Come early (8:15am) each week and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

WORDS OF WELCOME

- We bid you a warm welcome this morning. We hope you will join us regularly during the summer and will tell others about this service.
- Please also consider joining us for **Sunday School at 9:30am** and **Sunday Worship Services in our sanctuary at 10:30am** at Salem United Methodist Church at the corner of Hwy. 6 and Salem Church Road in Irmo, SC.

Rev. Julie Belman

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

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of July 19, 2026

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

Unified budget received \$13,639.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$436,345.54

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$345,163.44

Attendance

On Line Viewing

Worship 161 Sunday School 54

277

(Includes 10:30 service and Church on the Lake)

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Lewis

Heritage at Lowman — Bob Davis

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Wellmore — E.L. Ayers

Special Prayers — Martha Autry, David Bowden,

Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler, Emma Davis, Mary Ann Gibson,

Dawn Haltiwanger, Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan, Jonnie Mitchell,

Margie Oswald, Mike Owen, Ira Parnell, Barbara Pereira,

Lucretia Seigler, Heather Tanner, Gail & Jim Van Valkenburg,

Terry Waites, Susie Wells, Marie Wicker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – John Hood

Marilyn Goodwin

Randy Hilliard

Jim Lewis

Sherri Puette

Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

Trustees:

Dan Jennings

Acolyte:

Pierce Rhodes

Nursery:

Heather Bowers

PJ Baker

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of their angel baby,

Eleanor Elizabeth, by the Watford family.

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, July 27th, at 11:30 at Zorba’s** on St. Andrews Road.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Carolyn Chandler

by Phillip & Millie Fore – Cemetery Fund

Jim Lewis

by Jim & Marie Lewis – Building Fund

by Brenda Miller – Building Fund

by Larry & June Salters – Pew Fund

Honorarium in Honor of

Jeff Childress

by Joel & Rhonda Collins – Pew Fund

Joel Collins

by Rhonda Collins – Pew Fund

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.

Worship Opportunities/Training

Salem will be hosting Worship training on **Sunday, August 30th** immediately following the worship service in the fellowship hall. **The training will include ushers, acolytes and audio visual personnel-both existing and any interested newcomers are asked to attend.** If you have not participated in this area of ministry in the past, but would like to become a part of our worship team at Salem, now is the time to join in on the fun. A lunch will be provided for all attendees prior to the start of our training so that we can move forward with training immediately after. Please call the church office or contact Tina Overton or Jim Magann to RSVP so that we can make proper arrangements for food.

Salem Women's Fun & Fellowship

Ladies and girls of all ages are invited to join in for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and games! Whether you're a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, or friend, Salem’s UWIF would love for you to come and enjoy time together as we build relationships across generations.

This gathering will also be a wonderful opportunity to warmly welcome our new pastor, **Pastor Julie**, and get to know her in a relaxed and fun setting.

When..... Sunday, August 9

Location: Salem’s Fellowship Hall

Time: 4:00 PM

What to expect: Table hosts from UWIF circles and youth girls will facilitate conversation and lead a variety of short, easy games. Throughout our time together, we'll enjoy visiting while rotating groups so everyone has the opportunity to meet and connect with different ladies in and connected to our church family.

Also, as part of our gathering, we'll also write encouraging notes and cards to women volunteering and being served by the Lighthouse for Life organization who came and raised awareness about human trafficking for our youth and adults last spring.

Come enjoy an afternoon of laughter, encouragement, and connections as women of all generations gather in fellowship. Remember to invite your daughter, your mom, sister or friends and join us as we celebrate the gift of community and extend a warm Salem welcome to Pastor Julie! For more information or to share a game recommendation please contact Lisa Lee at 803-315-3568.





You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Salem United Methodist Church

When: Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

Trusted by over 11 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend:
Anyone age of 40+

Special Pricing for \$129

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening

4 ways to book your appointment...

Call 800-324-9458 and use promo code HABC001

Visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)



Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, July 26

8:30 A.M. Church on the Lake
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

Monday, July 27

11:30 A.M. Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Zorba's

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting

Thursday, July 30

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

Saturday, August 1

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, August 2

8:30 A.M. Church on the Lake
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

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

Julie Belman — 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

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.

390 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on July 17th.

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**.



E-Giving

Please prayerfully consider giving to Salem United Methodist Church through our e-Giving program. Scan the QR code 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>