

Salem United
Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

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The color green symbolizes growth, life, and our continuing journey of faith as disciples of Christ.

THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*HYMN 400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We come carrying all that we have done, and all that remains undone.

God welcomes us as we are.

We come with our accomplishments and our failures, our confidence and our questions.

God knows us and calls us beloved.

Christ offers us the bread of life—not as a prize to be earned, but as a gift of grace.

We come with open hands to receive.

So lay down the need to prove yourself. Lay down the burden of becoming worthy.

We will rest in the grace of God.

Come, beloved children of God. Come and worship.

We come to receive, to trust, and to be.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, quiet within us the voices that tell us we must earn your love. Free us from comparison, striving, and fear. Open our hearts to receive the grace you have already given, and help us trust that we are known, loved, and welcomed by you. Through Christ, the Bread of Life, nourish us and make us whole. Amen.

PSALTER: UMH 854

Psalm 139:1-18

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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

ANTHEM

I Surrender All

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL

John 6:22-35

*HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

SERMON:

Am I Enough?

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.

*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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 354

I Surrender All (Verse 1)

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

*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.*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of October 4, 2026

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

Unified budget received \$11,629.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$601,811.94

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$460,119.81

Attendance

On Line Viewing

Worship 110 Sunday School 61

3385

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Lewis

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Martha Autry, Tommy Bouknight,

David Bowden, Amy Bundrick, Eddie Bundrick,

Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Emma Davis, Mary Ann Gibson,

Jim Gillion, Dawn Haltiwanger, Inez Hyatt, John Lee,

Lee McMillan, Jonnie Mitchell, Margie Oswald,

Mike Owen, Ira Parnell, Barbara Pereira, Lynn Rustin,

Dustin Tanner, Heather Tanner, Gail & Jim Van Valkenburg,

Terry Waites, Susie Wells, Marie Wicker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – Sherri Puette

Callie Dunn

Patti Fowler

Pete Hornsby

Melinda Hydrick

Sound Booth:

Greg Mayer

Preston Price

Trustees:

Ryan Cole

Acolyte:

Rachel Rhodes

Nursery:

Dawn Horton

Faith Magann

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Hugh Baker by the Baker family.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to:

Katie Vyskocil and family upon the passing of her father, Calvin Meetze.

Jon Jeffcoat and family upon the passing of his mother, Jane Jeffcoat.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Lucretia Seigler

by Jimmy & Joann Franklin – Building Fund

by Pete & Marty Spearman – General Fund

by Monroe & Charlotte Swearingen – Building Fund

Honorarium in Honor of

In honor of her parents: Warren & Johnnie Metts

by Tammy M. Szucs – Cemetery Fund

Sincere Appreciation

Dear Salem United Methodist Congregation,

Our family would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the heartfelt condolences during this difficult time following the passing of Calvin Meetze. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have been a great comfort to us.

Salem Church, your kindness and friendship mean a lot to us, and we are grateful to have such special people in our circle.

Sincerely, Charlene Meetze, Kevin Meetze and Katie Vyskocil

Notice Regarding Sanctuary Flowers

The cost to place flowers in the sanctuary for honorariums and memorials has increased from \$96 to \$140 effective Sept.1. If you have signed up and no longer wish to provide flowers or have prepaid and additional funds are due, please call the church office to make arrangements. We thank everyone who provides flowers for our services and understand if this change affects your ability to do so going forward.

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.

Cemetery Workday

We are planning a ‘Cemetery Work Day!’ on November 7th. We need volunteers to help clean up our cemetery! So Please Join Us. Bring your work gloves, rakes, clippers and energy. We will gather from 9:00 to noon. Thank you! Carla Jennings (803) 603-5917.

OASIS Fellowship

Our next OASIS event is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 20th** and will be a covered dish. We’ll enjoy a special guest “story teller” from the Shepherd’s Center. Our program will be a presentation of *The Nazis’ Most-wanted Spy: An American Woman with a Wooden Leg*.

Please call the church office by **Thursday, Oct. 15th** to **RSVP** and share the dish you plan to bring.

Men’s Bible Study

We have a Men’s Bible Study each week on **Thursday Nights at 6:00pm** in the Fellowship Class. We meet and study one chapter from the Bible each week and then break off for prayer concerns and time praying together. If any men are interested, we would love to have everyone join us. We are currently studying Matthew. If you have any questions, contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com or Tommy McLendon at mclendta@aol.com

Salem’s annual Charge Conference is Sunday, October 18th, at 3:00 P.M. in the Seekers Classroom.



FAITH CIRCLE CHILDREN’S DAY BULLETIN

October 18, 2026

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those children who are special to us...our own children and grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and any others who are dear to us.

To list the names of special children you would like to honor or remember please fill out this form, and put it, along with payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, in an envelope marked **“Children’s Day.”** Make checks payable to **“Faith Circle.”** Please be sure to fill out all the information on the form and **print clearly!** Honor those living on the *“in honor”* of lines, and remember those who are deceased on the *“in memory”* of lines. We regret that due to space we are unable to print special messages -- **only the names** of those we wish to honor in this special way. We are sure you will want to include all those children (of any age!) who are special to you. Please drop in the offering plate or give to any member of Faith Circle.

Faith Circle uses your generous contributions for various mission projects of Salem Church. Your donations also support projects specifically for children and youth such as the School District Five Backpack program which sends food home to needy school children on the weekends, Epworth Children’s Home, Bethlehem Center, Hannah House, Midlands Orphan Relief Fund, adopting a local family for Christmas each year, and Salem’s children and youth programs such as Vacation Bible School and supporting Youth Mission trips or conference attendance.

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

Deadline is Sunday, October 11. 2026.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, October 11

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

5:00 P.M. Youth Group

5:00 P.M. Kids Quest

Monday, October 12

7:30 A.M. Drive thru Prayer

6:00 P.M. Bookin It (Seekers)

Tuesday, October 13

6:00 P.M. Trustee Meeting

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting

11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hall reserved

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 15

9:00 A.M. Mission Work

1:00 P.M. Al-Anon Group

6:00 P.M. Men's Bible Study

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, October 17

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, October 18

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

3:00 P.M. Charge Conference

5:00 P.M. Youth Group

5:00 P.M. Kids Quest

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.

358 items were delivered to Sharing God’s Love on September 18.

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>



***The church office will be closed on
Monday in observance of the
Columbus Day.***

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 803-319-6169 or 803-422-9400*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Julie Belman — Pastor
P. J. Baker — Director of Children's Ministries
Xiaohan Yu — 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
Marie Wicker — Administrative Coordinator

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**.

