



***Community Thanksgiving Service
November 23, 2011***

Main Street United Methodist Church

Established 1858

211 North Main Street

Greenwood, South Carolina 29646

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*Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors
The people of The United Methodist Church*

7:00 pm

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk

Chiming of the Trinity

MaryAshlynn Perkey

Prelude

En Priere

Gabriel Faure

Dave Riekenberg, flute and Amelia Riekenberg, piano

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Debby Plumstead-Marshall

Leader: Worship the Lord in gladness, come before him with joy. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, with gratitude sing out his praise.

People: The Lord, creator of the heavens and the earth, provides food for the hungry with mercy.

Leader: Praise the Creator who works great wonders, who ennobles us from birth, who treats us with compassion.

People: How shall we thank God for our blessings?

Leader: Let us share our bread with the hungry; let us not turn away from the needy.

People: Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless, help those who have no help.

All: Sing a new song for the Lord. Where the faithful gather, let God be praised.

***Hymn No. 89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

***Invocation**

Rev. David Mayo

Gracious God, you are present in all times and places; capture our attention in this time and place. Open our eyes to see the wonders you provide. Open our ears to hear your commandments, your ordinances, and your statutes. Open our hearts to care deeply about people in need, whatever that need might be. Awaken our generosity and sense of justice, that we may be inspired to helpful action. Open our mouths to shout and sing together for joy, sharing the good news of salvation. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Rev. Tony Hopkins

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalter

Psalm 100

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Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Rev. Debby Plumstead-Marshall

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Kumbaya

arr. Paul Sjouland

Combined choirs, Joyce Nickles, piano

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 17:11-19

Rev. David L. Mayo

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 131

We Gather Together

Kresmer

Sermon

“Reasons to Give Thanks”

Rev. Terry C. Martin

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tony Hopkins

L: Creator God, we give you thanks for this day, this chance to worship with our neighbors and praise your name. For you are the One, the Only, the great I Am, the God of all creation. We bring to you our triumphs and sorrows, our joys and cares, our daily lives. All that we are is yours. Hear the voices of your people. God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of love, you have brought us into community with people of every time and place. We give you thanks and praise for this gift. Open the hearts of all your people that we may see our differences as a joyful expression of your never-ending creation. Instill in us a spirit of acceptance and understanding. God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. Thank you for the material abundance in which we live, and help us to share your many blessings with all of your children. God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We offer now our individual prayers of concerns and gratitude.

(You may briefly speak aloud a prayer request or something for which you are thankful.)

L: God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. With joy and gladness we pray the prayer Christ Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Tracey Marcengill

Offering

Offertory

All Thy Gifts of Love
Combined Choirs with Joyce Nickles, piano

David L. Brunner

***Doxology 94**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Lasst Uns Erfreuen
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Terry C. Martin

***Hymn No. 400**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

***Benediction**

Rev. Terry C. Martin

***Postlude**

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

Harvest Arrangement

The beautiful harvest arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God by *Dennis Moore* in loving honor of all ***Main Street UMC Chancel Choir Members*** past and present.

Psalter

Response

Reproducible Congregational Part

Psalm 100

Hal H. Hopson

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Refrain

Sing! Sing! Lift ev - 'ry voice! Sing to the
 Lord; O sing, re - joice! Let your songs ring out! Lift
 ev - 'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, re - joice!

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All people who on earth do dwell, Sing out your praise with cheerful voice;
 Be glad in God, whose praise you tell, Come, sing to God; let all rejoice. **R**

For God alone is the Lord, indeed; Without our aid God did us make;
 We are God's flock, we now may feed; And for God's sheep God does us take. **R**

O enter then God's gates with praise; Approach God's courts with shouts of joy;
 Praise, laud, and bless God's name always; Let every voice God's praise employ. **R**

Make known the truth that God is good, Whose mercy is forever sure,
 Whose truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure. **R**

Participating in this Evening's Service:

Amy Fennell, Director of Music Ministries, First Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Dr. Tony Hopkins, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church
 Rev. Terry M. Martin, Senior Pastor, Main Street United Methodist Church
 Rev. Dr. David Mayo, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
 Larry Moore, Director of Music Ministries, Main Street United Methodist Church
 Rev. Debby Plumstead-Marshall, Associate Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Joyce Nickles, Organist, Main Street United Methodist Church
 Tracey Marcengill, Director of Resource Development,
 Piedmont Agency on Aging

Choir Members from the Following Churches:

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
 First Baptist Church of Ninety Six
 First Presbyterian Church
 Main Street United Methodist Church
 St. Mark United Methodist Church
 Tranquil United Methodist Church

Acolyte: Sam Crooks

Crucifer: Jay Logan

Offering

*This evening's offering will benefit the Piedmont Agency on Aging Meals on Wheels Program. If you are writing a personal check, please make it payable to **Piedmont Agency on Aging**.*

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