

We welcome you to worship the Living and Triune God. Jesus Christ is alive and with us in the power of the Holy Spirit. To schedule an appointment or become a member, speak to Pastor Phil. Prayer and counsel are available after the service. Silence your phones and give yourself to the holy work of worship! You are called to be a follower of the Lord, a member of his people, and a participant in his mission. It's our business as we serve the world from the center of Greenwood, SC. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, November 11, 2012/ Veteran's Day
Our website is www.msumc1.org

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"At Main Street UMC we confess with deep gratitude the Creeds of the ancient church."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Cecilia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Old Testament Creed: Deut. 6:4-9

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord.

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD;

**and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.**

And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart;
and you shall teach them diligently to your children,

and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand,

and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 144:** *This Is My Father's World*

(Crucifer: Joe Hartung, Acolytes: Libby Hartung, Sam Crooks)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Genesis 1:1-2:4

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you are engineer and artist without rival.
There is nothing in all the world that does not bear your mark.
From the intricacies of the atom to the farthest galaxies, all is yours.
But we who live outside Eden have never seen its full beauty.
Ours is a good world mixed with chaos and rebellion, sin and evil.
Cells go haywire in cancer, and death snuffs out every life.
Our appetites become addictions, and we forget our promises.
Nations go to war over resources, and we stain the air and soil.
We who bear your image dream of a better world and cannot get there.
For times when we see clearly what a mess we have made, we thank you.
We welcome your call to be wise and faithful stewards,
not to be greedy and live in fear,
but to trust that in Jesus Christ there is an abundance of all we need:
mercy aplenty, grace abundant, and forgiveness in full measure.
May your Holy Spirit so illumine the reading of Holy Scripture,
that we will see how astounding is your continuing work in creation,
and we as your caretakers and faithful friends in the midst of it all.
Amen. (All pray in silence. Pardon is announced.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Building A Flood Bucket* Kathy Kelly: Program Director
(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session with Morgan Chalmers.)

ANTHEM *Go Not Far From Me, O God (Zingerelli)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING ON FAITH/CREEDS *Book of Discipline 2008: 41-42*

“United Methodists profess the historic Christian faith in God, incarnate in Jesus Christ for our salvation and ever at work in human history in the Holy Spirit.... United Methodists share a common heritage with Christians of every age and nation. This heritage is grounded in the apostolic witness to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, which is the source and measure of all valid Christian teaching.... Faced with diverse interpretations of the apostolic message, leaders of the early church sought to specify the core of Christian belief in order to ensure the soundness of Christian teaching.....The determination of the canon of Christian Scripture and the adoption of ecumenical creeds such as the formulations of **Nicaea** (*Hymnal*:880) and **Chalcedon** (not in *Hymnal*) were of central importance to this consensual process. Such creeds helped preserve the integrity of

the church's witness, set boundaries for acceptable Christian doctrine, and proclaimed the basic elements of the enduring Christian message. These statements of faith, along with the **Apostles' Creed** (*Hymnal* 35, 881) contain the most prominent features of our ecumenical heritage.”

SERMON LESSON *First Creation Story: Six Days And A Sabbath* Genesis 1:1-2:4
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Creed And Creation* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
(First in a series of three on the *Classic Christianity* of the Apostles' & Nicene Creeds)

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, NO. 147** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

***CONFESSING THE FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* *Hymnal: 882*

INVITATION, OFFERTORY *Meditation on a Hymn Tune* Joyce Nickles: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Musical Setting B: 18-20
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray....

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.

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
(Mark & Lee Robirds, Steve & Cindy Skinner, Charlie & Ann West, Lomax & Marilyn Murphy)

SENDING FORTH

***A PRAYER ON VETERANS' DAY** *For Those In Military Service* *Book of Worship: 552*

***HYMN** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Modified)* Insert

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666** *Shalom to You*

***POSTLUDE AND TIME TO GREET A VISITOR** Joyce Nickles: Organist

The flowers are given in honor of LTC Clyde F. Garren, Jr., USA RET on his birthday, Nov. 23, and in honor and memory of all veterans on this Veteran's Day by the Garren family.