

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, October 14, 2012**  
**Our website is [www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org)**

# THE SUNDAY SERVICE

**11:00 am**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Color: Green**

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Our lives are shaped in powerful ways by the vows we make and then keep.”

## ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**  
**TRINITY CHIME**

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming  
Cecilia McGinnis

**PRELUDE**

*Festive Trumpet Tune (David German)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 65:1-4

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.**

“Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

**and to you shall vows be performed.**

To you who hear prayer, all flesh shall come because of their sins.

**When our transgressions prevail over us, you forgive them.**

Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 131**

“We Gather Together”

(Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Vivi Joy Pinckney, Ann Baker)

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on 2 Cor. 8-9

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty and living God, our heavenly Father,  
you are the true one, the one who makes and keeps all your vows.  
You have promised never to leave or forsake us.  
You have promised to hear us when we pray and to respond for our good.  
But we, because of our sin and rebellion, are promise breakers.  
We sin when we exaggerate and promise what we cannot deliver.  
We sin when we deceive to avoid accountability.  
We break trust when we do not keep our common vows of baptism.  
Forgive, heal, and restore us,  
that we may be a people of deep character who gladly follow Jesus Christ.  
By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace and courage to be promise keepers,  
that this cynical and lost world may see in us a people who know their God.  
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 70**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE (Counting sheep!), CHURCH CONCERNS**

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Sarah Hartung: Stewardship Witness

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Jesus Speaks Against Anxiety*

Matthew 6:24-34

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Lee Robirds: Lay Reader)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Jessica Morris: Youth Minister

(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session with Zella Moore.)

**UNITED METHODIST TEACHING ON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

*Hymnal: 38*

### **Vow of Reception into The United Methodist Church**

“As members of Christ’s universal church,  
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?”  
(How am I doing here? Low 1 2 3 4 5 High)

### **Vow of Reception Into The Local Congregation**

“As members of this congregation (Main Street UMC),  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts (money, talents, spiritual gifts), and your service (time, effort)?”  
(How am I doing here? Low 1 2 3 4 5 High)

**ANTHEM**                      *How Very Good and Pleasant (Arlen Clarke)*      Chancel Choir  
Larry Moore: Director

**SERMON LESSON**                      *Paul Goes For Heart And Wallet!*              2 Cor. 8:1-5, 9: 6-15  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**                      *Pushing All The Stewardship Buttons*      Phil Thraikill: Pastor  
**Am I keeping the sacred vows I made to Christ and to his church?**  
**What is my part in joining Christ's work for a thriving church?**

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN, NO. 399**                      *Take My Life and Let It Be*

### **INVITATION AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *For the Blessings of the Year (David Hegarty)*      Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

**\*PASTOR'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, 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.**

**THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Hymnal: 34-35, 38*

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, NO. 585**                      *This Little Light of Mine*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

**\*POSTLUDE, GREET A VISITOR!**

Joyce Nickles: Organist

**The flowers are given by Lincoln McGinnis in loving honor of his wife Rhonda on their 17th wedding anniversary and in loving honor of William Holden Styron on his 1st birthday, October 17, by Pam, Heather, and Brooke Faulkner and Jared Styron.**