

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, December 16, 2012

Our website is www.msumc1.org

Our Christmas Eve Service Is Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 6:00pm

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"At Main Street we believe God embraced all humanity in the warm flesh of Jesus."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Cecilia McGinnis

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (John Ferguson)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ Beside Me Tune of *Morning Has Broken*

Christ beside me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, King of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,

Christ all around me, shield in the strife;

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Isaiah 9:6-7

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.

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,

**and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'**

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
upon the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it, and to uphold it,

with justice and righteousness from this time forth and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 234** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Stanzas 1-5 Only
Crucifer: Bob Bennett; Acolytes: Layton Logan, Lucas Bassett; Advent Banner: Jay Logan

***COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Luke 1:26-38

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Holy and Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
how grateful we are that you have come so near to save us.
Grant us wisdom to see the difference
between the trappings and the truth of Christmas.
In the midst of family traditions and the pressures of giving,
stop us in our tracks to ponder what it means
that God the Son assumed our flesh in Jesus
with the aid of your Spirit and his blessed mother Mary.
Because you have come among us,
there is hope for all who pass through this life from birth to death.
You have built a bridge over which all may walk into your kingdom.
And that bridge is our great Lord Jesus Christ, son of David, ruler of all,
truly God and fully human,
a perfect life and a full and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world,
and to him we gladly offer our praise, our loyalty, and our lives.
Amen. (Silence is kept for prayer.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 80** *Canticle of the Holy Trinity*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

THE ADVENT WREATH

Isaiah 35:10

Leopard/ Wilson Families

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God,
make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

*Hymn No. 211 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Stanza 3 Only

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Smith

ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas (Howard Helvey)
Chancel Choir with Lauren Neufeld: Oboe, Larry Moore: Director

U.M. TEACHING ON THE INCARNATION

Book of Discipline 2008: 59-60

Article II: Of the Word, or Son of God, Who Was Made Very Man

“The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ, very God and very Man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.”

SERMON LESSON

Gabriel's Annunciation to Mary the Virgin Luke 1:26-38
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Manner of His Coming Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

*HYMN, NO. 219

What Child Is This

INVITATION, OFFERTORY

Veni, Emmanuel

Joyce Nickles: Organist

*DOXOLOGY, NO. 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain Only

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

*CONFESSING THE FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal: 880

(With the exception of the phrase “and from the Son” (Lt. *filioque*) on which the Eastern and Western churches disagree, this is the church's official statement of its convictions.)

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 242

Love Came Down at Christmas

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666

Shalom to You

*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!

Joyce Nickles: Organist