

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 18, 2012

Our website is www.msumc1.org

Community Thanksgiving Service Wed. Nov. 21 at 7:00pm

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

25th 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 that Jesus is God the Son, our Savior and Lord."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Cecilia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Fanfare on Llanfair (Robert Williams)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 100

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.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's;

we are the people of God, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever;

God's faithfulness to all generations."

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 694:** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

(Crucifer: Keaton Alexander, Acolytes: Olivia Rowland, Vivi Joy Pinckney)

***A READING OF LINCOLN'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION**

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
how can we understand our nation apart from your providence?
We thank you for the benevolent influence of your church in this country,
where week by week since our earliest days
the stories of Scripture have been read and the power of Jesus proclaimed.
But we, your citizens, have fallen on hard times of our own making.
We have sought private prosperity and forgotten the common good.
We have indulged in luxuries and vices that would shame our parents.
We have spent and not saved; we have spent and not given,
and now we are spent as our moral capital is nearly exhausted.
How thin are our convictions, and how quickly we choose the easy way.
So start us with, O Lord, and start today in your own house.
Send upon us the Holy Spirit of conviction and repentance.
For Jesus' sake, forgive us, reclaim us, restore and renew us in this great faith,
that we may be a people who love and bring glory to your name.
We wait upon your holy presence and the gift of pardon.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)**

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

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

A MISSIONS INTERVIEW

Pastor Phil, Ann West: Child Evangelism Fellowship
(987 Children, 45 Commitments To Christ, 18 Good News Clubs, 315 Volunteers)

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Obedience And Blessing
Myra Greene: Lay Reader

Deuteronomy 11:1-21

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Celebration Singers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Persecuted Believers

Frances Steinacker

(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session with Morgan Chalmers.)

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head (A. Clark)

Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING ON JESUS CHRIST

Book of Discipline 2008: 67

U.M. Confession of Faith, Article II: Jesus Christ

“We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, in whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten

Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. As ministering Servant he lived, suffered and died on the cross. He was buried, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to be with the Father, from whence he shall return. He is eternal Savior and Mediator, who intercedes for us, and by him all men will be judged.”

SERMON LESSON *A Downwardly-Mobile Jesus* Philippians 2:1-18
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
SERMON *The Creeds And Jesus Christ* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
(2nd in a series of 3 on the *Classic Christianity* of the Apostles' & Nicene Creeds)

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

What keeps me from being a whole-hearted follower of Jesus Christ in his church?

***INVITATION HYMN, NO. 189** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER: Christopher Daniel Watts *Hymnal: 34*

INVITATION AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Meditation on a Hymn Tune* 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.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 170** *O How I Love Jesus*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

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

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