

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 21, 2012
Our website is www.msumc1.org

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Giving to God’s work through the church is a spiritual discipline that bears fruit.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Marisa Rogers

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***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 his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD is God!

It is he that made us, and we are his;

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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 139** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(Crucifer: Jay Logan, Acolytes: Layton Logan, Drew Hinton)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Malachi 3:7-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Bountiful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
giver of every good and perfect gift:
the earth has once again yielded its harvest of fruits,
and you are painting our world with the colors of autumn.
We thank you for all with which you have blessed us,
and we are honored to return to you the tithe and the offering.
In a time when our national sins of envy and greed
have come down upon our heads,
we turn to you for forgiveness and a return to sanity and simplicity.
Teach us to value what is beyond price and cannot be purchased.
Give us courage to resist the lie that more and newer is always better.
Teach us through the wisdom of Scripture and the Spirit's guidance
to be a generous-hearted people who trust you in all things.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, who lived by the riches of heaven
and who laughs at our worries and anxiety.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)**

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

Glory Be to the Father

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS
ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Robbie Kohli: Stewardship Witness

ANTHEM

Psalm 46

Celebration Singers

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON

Jesus Draws on Divine Abundance

Matthew 14:13-36

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

(Martha Moore: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Margaret Crooks

(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session with Ashleigh Leopard.)

ANTHEM

Look At the World (John Rutter)

Chancel Choir

Larry Moore: Director

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING

Book of Discipline 2008: 407

Responsibilities in the Area of Stewardship

“To plan and promote a comprehensive program of stewardship for people of all ages... in such areas as stewardship education, proportionate giving and tithing, funding the Church’s ministries, planned giving, time and abilities, economics and money management, and lifestyle... *To educate the local church that tithing is the minimum goal of giving in The United Methodist Church*” (italics added).

SERMON LESSON

Will A Man Rob God?

Malachi 3:7-12

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

SERMON

A Little Lesson In Holy Economics

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

Am I spending God’s tithe on my stuff? What are the effects?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, NO. 405**

Seek Ye First

INVITATION AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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 BAPTISMAL COVENANT II**

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Graham Carr Behrmann, born 6/10/12, son of Chris and Hunter Behrmann)

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN ON DAILY WORK, NO. 438**

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

***POSTLUDE, GREET A VISITOR!**

Joyce Nickles: Organist

The chancel flowers are in loving honor of Eddie Bartless on his 70th birthday, October 22, by his daughters, Freddie Bartless, Jennifer Bartless, Rebecca Marino, and their families.