

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 25, 2012

Our website is www.msumc1.org

Stay for soup and help us decorate the church for Advent after the service!

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“The Holy Spirit is God with us as holy presence and life giving power.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Schuyler McGinnis

PRELUDE *We, Thy People, Praise Thee (D. Cherwien)*

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Selected N.T. Texts on the Holy Spirit

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.

Jesus promised,

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The Apostle Paul declared,

“The love of God has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5)

He also commanded,

“Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying,

**but test everything; hold fast to what is good,
abstain from every form of evil.”** (I Thess. 5:19-22)

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 539:** *O Spirit of the Living God*

(Crucifer: Hampton Warner, Acolytes: Rachel Holder, Bennett Charles)

***COMMON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION**

Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 16:4b-15,

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

O Lord our God,
it is a wonder how you leave your fingerprint on all creation,
how you called the Jews to be your showcase to all the nations,
how you came among us in the person of Jesus,
whose life was a perfect cooperation with the Holy Spirit.
You are our Father, high over all and yet near to every soul.
Because your Son has been glorified at your right hand,
you have given the Spirit as our teacher to keep us in the truth.
So may the light of the blessed Holy Spirit shine upon us today,
to illumine the Scriptures as they are read and preached;
and the fire of the Holy Spirit fall down upon us,
to kindle a flame of sacred love within our hearts;
and the power of the Spirit's gifts be distributed among us,
that your truth may be heard in many voices.
We are a dry people, parched and barren in our souls.
Drench us in a fresh outpouring of your presence.
Refresh us, O Lord, that we may proclaim all your mighty works with joy.
Amen. (Wait before the Lord in listening and silence.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 334** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*
WELCOME, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS
ON THE WITNESS STAND *Alpha Class* Kevin and Pam Bishop: Alpha Team

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones* Ezekiel 37:1-14
Myra Greene, Neal Asman: Lay Readers

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Kelly: Program Coordinator
(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session with Ronda Rogers.)

ANTHEM *Thee We Adore (arr. R. Johnson)* Chancel Choir
John DeLoach: Guest Director

U.M. TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE CHURCH *Book of Discipline 2008: 67*
The Confession of Faith, Article III: The Holy Spirit

“We believe in the Holy Spirit who proceeds from and is one in being with the Father and the Son. He convinces the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He leads men (i.e. all) through

faithful response to the gospel into the fellowship of the Church. He comforts, sustains and empowers the faithful and guides them into all truth.”

The Confession of Faith, Article V: The Church

“We believe the Christian Church is the community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. We believe it is one, holy, apostolic and catholic. It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by men (i.e. those) divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the Church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world.

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Promises the Spirit to the Church* John 16:4b-15
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *The Creeds And The Holy Spirit* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
(Last in a series of 3 on the *Classic Christianity* of the Apostles' & Nicene Creeds)
When is the last time I asked for a fresh release and filling of the Holy Spirit?
What habitual sin or neglect is blocking the Spirit's gifts in my life?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***INVITATION HYMN, NO. 347** *Spirit Song*
Prayer: “May you be filled with the light and gifts of the Holy Spirit.”

OFFERING, OFFERTORY *For All the Blessing of the Year* Joyce Nickles: Organist
***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

***CONFESSING THE ANCIENT FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* *Hymnal, No. 880*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 420** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666** *Shalom to You*

The rosebuds are given in the honor of the births of Robert Song “Sunny” Harmon, born November 12, 2012, and Ada Louise Durham, born November 16, 2012.
Sunny is the grandson of John and Rebecca Harmon Sherrill.
Ada is the granddaughter of Harold and Linda McDonald.