

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 28, 2012**  
**Our website is [www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org)**

# THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
“Dayspring Sunday”

Color: Green

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“The unique spiritual gift of an evangelist is to make the old story new and fresh.”**

## ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

**TRINITY CHIME**

Schuyler McGinnis

**PRELUDE**

*We, Thy People, Praise Thee*

Joyce Nickles: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Ephesians 4:7,11-13

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.**

“But grace was given to us according to the measure of Christ's gift....

**And his gifts were that some should be apostles,**

John Wesley!

**some prophets,**

Martin Luther King!

**some evangelists,**

Wesley Putnam!

**some pastors and teachers,”**

Pastor Phil!

And why did God give all these people to his church?

“to equip the saints for the work of ministry,

for building up the body of Christ,

**until we all attain to the unity of the faith**

**and of the knowledge of the Son of God,**

**to mature manhood,**

**to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 156** *I Love to Tell the Story*

(Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: Madaline Radcliffe, Bennett Charles)

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**      Based on Ephesians 4:11-13

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
look down up this church with mercy and love.  
There is so much of this great faith that we have forgotten,  
and so much we have chosen to ignore.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit by rejecting many of his gifts and graces.  
We have not honored the apostles who pioneer new work among the lost.  
We have shut our ears to the piercing voice of the prophets.  
We have been embarrassed by the zeal of the evangelists.  
We have grown impatient with scholars and teachers of the true faith,  
and we have asked pastors to be more than you called them to be.  
So today we begin a long repentance  
by welcoming your evangelist Wesley Putnam as a gift from above.  
Forgive us for seeking only what makes us comfortable and safe.  
Have your way with us today; stir us deeply,  
and may the light and love and creativity and joy of Jesus be with us.  
Refresh us with living water, O Lord,  
for we have grown dry and parched, and our fruit has withered.  
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**

**INTRODUCTION OF REV. WESLEY PUTNAM**

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

**THE GOSPEL IN SONG**

Wesley Putnam: Evangelist

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**      *Grow One Step Chart*      Shell Dula: Stewardship Chair

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lisa Smith

(3-year-olds through kindergarteners leave for Extended Session with Cathy Chalmers.)

**UNITED METHODIST TEACHING**      *Justification and Assurance*      *Discipline 2008: 46*  
“We believe God reaches out to the repentant believer in justifying grace with accepting and pardoning love. Wesleyan theology stresses that a decisive change in the human heart can

and does occur under the prompting of grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In justification we are, through faith, **forgiven our sin and restored to God's favor.** This righting of relationships by God through Christ calls forth our faith and trust as we experience regeneration, by which we are made new creatures in Christ.

This process of justification and **new birth** is often referred to as conversion. Such a change may be sudden and dramatic, or gradual and cumulative. It marks a new beginning, yet it is part of an ongoing process. Christian experience as personal transformation always expresses itself as **faith working by love.** Our Wesleyan theology also embraces the scriptural promise that **we can expect to receive assurance of our present salvation** as the Spirit "bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16).

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      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.**

**SERMON LESSON**      *The First Evangelists Had Shepherd's Crooks!*      Luke 2:8-20

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

**SERMON IN DRAMA**      *The Christmas Shepherd*      Wesley Putnam: Evangelist

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**      You may pray in your seat or at the altar rail

**\*CONFESSING THE FAITH**      *The Apostles' Creed*      Hymnal: 881

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*SONG, No. 174**      *His Name Is Wonderful*

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

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

**\*POSTLUDE, GREET A VISITOR!**      Joyce Nickles: Organist

**The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Henry Clifton Harley, II on his birthday by his family.**