

The people of Main St. UMC 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. There is room for you in God's family. Prayer and counsel are available after the service. Silence phones, and give yourself to the holy work of worship! You are called to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It's our business as we serve from the center of Greenwood, SC.

Sunday, July 29, 2012

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand if you are able

A nursery is provided

"If you want to know who the Living God is, study the life of Jesus Christ!"

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Madeline Johnson

PRELUDE

*Hymn to Joy (Gordon Young)
(Joyce Nickles: Organist)*

WELCOME

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

*GREETING

Trinitarian Acclamation, Hebrews 1:1-3

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"In many and various ways
God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets;
**but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,
whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.**
He reflects the glory of God
and bears the very stamp of his nature,
upholding the universe by his word of power."

*HYMN, NO. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*COMMON PRAYER

Based on John 1:1-18

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

Eternal and ever-living God, our heavenly Father,
living in the unity of love with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
and upholding the whole creation by your word of power:
You have entered our world in the flesh of Jesus Christ.
You have come to lay claim to every soul
and to offer each and all a new way of living.
Lead us into the light and away from the darkness.
Help us live abundantly as your free sons and daughters.
Cause this church to flourish in the powers of your amazing grace.
And may this be the day we see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly.
Speak to us now as we stand before you in silence,
and may your Holy Spirit set our hearts and minds on fire
with love for Christ and one another. Amen.
(Be still before the Lord and listen for his voice.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE (Counting sheep!), CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Your God Reigns!* Isaiah 52:7-10
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Lori Bassett: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 98 (Response 2)** *Sing to the Lord a New Song* Pages 818-819

INVITATION AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Meditation*
(Joyce Nickles & Amelia Reikenberg: Piano)

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Margaret Crooks
(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session.)

DUET

In Loving Kindness, Jesus Came (Gabriel/ arr. Moore)
(Patty Poole & Larry Moore)

A READING OF UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE

The Book of Discipline 2008, 59-60

The Articles of Religion 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

The Preface of John’s Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

SERMON

Who is Jesus Christ?

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, NO. 168**

At the Name of Jesus

(The altar is open for prayer and repentance during the hymn.)

***PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER**

***THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II**

Page 39, Sung Responses: Page 54

(Millie Elizabeth Cannon, born 1/26/12, daughter of Chip and Elizabeth Cannon)

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, NO. 557**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Favorites List!

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

POSTLUDE

Joyce Nickles: Organist

After greeting worshipers, Pastor Phil will return to the altar to pray with any who desire.

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The flowers are given to God’s glory, in loving honor of Heather Faulkner, and in loving memory of **Clint Faulkner** on their 21st birthday July 31 by their family.