

We welcome you to worship the Living and Triune God. Christ is alive and with us in the power of the Spirit. Prayer and counsel are available after the service.

You are called to be a follower of the Lord Jesus, a member of his people, and a participant in his mission to spread his kingdom and all its benefits. It's our main business as we serve the world from the center of Greenwood, SC.

Sunday, May 12, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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“Following Christ from City-Center”

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am **7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day** **Color: White**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“He cannot have God for his father who has not the church for his mother.”
(Saint Cyprian of Carthage, died 258A.D.)

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming
TRINITY CHIME Rebekah Lomax
PRELUDE *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (arr. David Cherwien)*
Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Love the Lord our God* *The Faith We Sing*

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord you God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God, with all that you are.

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

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.

Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
Blessing and honor, dominion and power,
be to God for ever and ever!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 62** *All Creatures of our God and King*
Crucifer: Cecilia McGinnis, Acolytes: Drew Hinton, Sam Crooks

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

**You intend that in our mothers and fathers
we see reflections of your care and strength.**

They have marked us well, O Lord,

with their virtues and their vices, with their faith and with their doubts.

Help us this day to discern between the two,

to receive with thanksgiving what came from your hand,

and to forgive the rest as we honor them all our days.

Forgive us all, and especially this Mother's Day,

for the times we have discounted women

and presumed upon their care and good will.

May your Holy Spirit so teach us the way of Jesus Christ

that we may hear the cries for love and justice that echo still:

the homeless, the poor, the hungry and the ill,

the lonely and the aged, those trapped in evil and addictions,

and those who do not know that they are the beloved of God.

May we always confess and live this gospel with confidence and joy,

till the day we see you rglory face to face and our faith is rewarded.

Amen. (All pray in silence. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Brab Crooks: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT

Two Courageous, Pro-Life Midwives
Neal Asman: Lay Reader

Exodus 1:1-22

***PSALM 71:1-12**

You Took Me From My Mother's Womb

Hymnal: 794

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shell Dula

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me (arr. K. Lee Scott)*
Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *The Power of a Committed Woman* Proverbs 31
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *The Power And Burden Of An Ideal* Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 695** *O Lord, May Church and Home Combine*

OFFERTORY *Meditation on a Hymn Tune (Charles Callahan)*
Joyce Nickles: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, No. 95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***A LITANY ON MOTHER'S DAY, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our 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 I

Hymnal: 33-39

To be baptized on confession of faith: John Stephen Lawrence, Jr.,
and his daughter Abbey Brooke Lawrence (b. 10/15/12)

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 463** *Lord, Speak to Me*

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

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

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

**The flowers are in loving memory of Ed Shelley.
Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and on the website.**