

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. Our two Sunday services are 8:30 & 11:00am.

Sunday, January 13, 2013
Our website is www.msumc1.org

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

1st Sunday After Epiphany

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"God's family is a big, messy, awkward, ongoing experiment in leadership and love."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming
TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE *Good Christian Men, Rejoice (arr. Sergisson)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Living God

Tune of Shenandoah

O Living God, I long to see You

Lifted up in all Your glory; To see You there in holy beauty.

O Lord, Almighty God, Living Christ, I love You.

O Living God, I long to praise You

Heart and voice, with all creation; To worship You for tender mercy.

O Lord, Almighty God, Living Christ, I love You.

O Living God, I soon will see You

Face to face, in all Your glory. I'll worship You in endless wonder.

O Lord, Almighty God, Living Christ, I love You.

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, The Commandments of God

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.

"God spoke from the mountain and said:

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.”

“Jesus said, ‘The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength.**

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.”

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

Crucifer: Keaton Alexander, Acolytes: Vivi Joy Pinckney, Rachel Holder

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 2:40-52

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**look with mercy on the families from which we have come,
the ones we have formed, and the ties between us.**

**You alone know our complicated histories, woven of sin and sacrifice,
and how they have both blessed and cursed us all.**

**It is hard for us sinners to live together in peace across the generations.
and there are no perfect families despite the hopes we cherish.**

**You have rightly commanded children to obey their parents in the Lord,
but you command adults to honor their parents, not obey them.**

How easily we fall into gossip, manipulation and shaming one another.

**That you do your work across the ages through people like us
is a tribute to your great providence and the great price you put upon us.**

**We thank you for Jesus, his mother Mary and father Joseph,
and we are in awe of the task you gave them to shape our Savior's life.**

Forgive us for the sins we commit against those who are closest to us.

Open our eyes to the grace you give to live together in love and freedom.

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

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

- OLD TESTAMENT** *Hannah's Praise, Samuel's Boyhood* 1 Samuel 2:1-26
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Glenn Williams: Lay Reader)
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Kathy Kelly
ANTHEM *In Thee, Almighty King (Dan Forrest)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director
- SERMON LESSON** *Our Stained Glass Window!* Luke 2:40-52
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON** *Grace Between The Generations* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
How do we raise our children for God, then let them go to their futures?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

- *HYMN, No. 179** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*
(The communion rail is open for prayer for families during this hymn.)
- INVITATION, OFFERTORY** *Rejoice (arr. Cherwien)* Joyce Nickles: Organist
- *DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
- *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SENDING FORTH

- INSTALLATION OF THE 2013 CHURCH COUNCIL** Phil Thraikill: Pastor
- *HYMN, No. 664** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*
- *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 giving to God's glory and in loving memory of Hack Robinson
and Ed Robinson by Gale Robinson and Terry Robinson.**

Sermon text for January 20, Luke 3:1-22, "The Beginnings Of Revival"