

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, December 15, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“The life of Jesus the Savior was shaped and formed in a pious Jewish home.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME Trace Meredith

PRELUDE *Lift Up Your Heads (A. Guilmont)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor, Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel

***JAZZ CALL TO WORSHIP** *God's Love Made Visible (Dave Brubeck)* See Insert

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 130:5-8

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.

“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in the Lord's word I hope;
**my soul waits for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord is plenteous love,
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 209** *Blest Be the God of Israel*

Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis

Acolytes: Ann Baker, Clair Leuther-Barrineau, Advent Banner: Joe Hartung

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Matthew 1:18-25

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
how wondrous and wise is the means of your coming to us:
through Mary the virgin mother,
that every birth might be blessed
and every woman honored by the one who bore the Savior;
through the infant Jesus,
who would grow from a boy to a man
and mark out the path of service and sacrifice
for all his brothers and sisters;
along with brave Joseph,
who welcomed a child not his own
and gladly gave the infant king his royal lineage.
For the humble family of Nazareth, we thank you.
We wait upon the gift of your presence
and the winds of the Holy Spirit to blow upon us.
In Jesus' name, Amen. (All pray in silence.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 83**

Canticle of the Holy Trinity

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Amanda Scott: LAMB Institute

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

THE ADVENT WREATH

John & Amy Young, Chancel Choir

Let us pray together:

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid,
for the Lord is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously! Amen.**

A Candle is Burning, stanza 3: To the tune of *Away in a Manger*
**A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SOLO

Gesu Bambino (Pietro Yon)

Kathy Kelly

Myra Greene: Soprano

SERMON LESSON

Delicate Family Matters

Matthew 1:18-25

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

SERMON

Portrait Of A Good Man

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Joseph was rightly related to God in faith and obedience? Am I?

Joseph put character before personal preference? Do I?

Joseph was faithful to Scripture and open to divine revelation? Am I?

Joseph showed great self-control and self-mastery? Do I?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

*HYMN, No. 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*A LITANY FOR MEN AND BOYS

Based on Matthew 1:18-25

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Meditation on *DIVINUM MYSTERIUM (Callahan)*

Joyce Nickles: Organist

*DOXOLOGY, Chorus of No. 238

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 219

What Child Is This

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666

Shalom to You

*POSTLUDE, GREETING EACH OTHER AFTER THE SERVICE

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR FOR YOUR NEEDS

Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and at msumc1.org

Our weekly prayer meeting is Thursday from 6:30-7:00pm in the chapel.