

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, September 15, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

www.msumc1.org

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Here at Main Street we confess that Jesus is a merciful Healer and Savior.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE *A Joyful Carillon (Michael Bedford)* Chancel Bells

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People*

**Clap your hands, O faithful people!
Shout to God a song of praise!
The Most High our land has ransomed,
and will reign as Lord always!
Great the majesty around us,
sure the paths our feet have trod;
we are claimed as sons and daughters,
children of a gracious God.**

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Our Mission And Vision Statement

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.

What is the mission of Main Street United Methodist Church?

We are “Following Christ from City Center.”

And what is our vision? How are we faithful to the mission?

**“As members of Main Street United Methodist Church,
we embrace our calling to grow**

as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- * Faithfully worshipping our holy God with love and devotion,**
- * Compassionately serving those in need,**
- * Building bridges to the diverse neighborhoods that surround us,**
- * Welcoming all to hear God’s story.**

We follow Christ

by faithful participation in the mission and vision of our church.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 381** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
Crucifer: Herin Warner, Acolytes: Madaline Radcliffe, Rachel Holder

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
your beautiful world is bent and broken and in bondage.
Death stalks us all.
Grief crushes many souls.
Disease and pain are our companions.
Ignorance and evil surround us,
and where are we to turn for help and hope?
We turn to you, the God who first sent and then raised Jesus from the dead.
We read the stories of his mighty healings,
how he pushed back death and returned children to their parents.
We thank you for the gifts of medicine and all healing technologies.
We thank you for hospitals and clinics and all who keep them running.
We thank you also that the Holy Spirit is still among us,
filling your servants and stirring up the gifts that continue Jesus' work today.
As we wait in silence, come upon us with your holy, healing presence.
Amen. (All pray and wait in silence.)**

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

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *The Wonders of Elisha the Prophet* II Kings 4:8-37
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Bayard Lindell: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jessica Morris: Youth Minister
ANTHEM *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (arr. John Helgen)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Twin Miracle Stories* Luke 7:1-10, 11-17
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Understanding Spiritual Authority* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
What would it mean for Jesus to *revisit* his people in our day?
Is it possible to use all the gifts God has given? Medicine, self-care, and healing prayer?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 382** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
(The altar is open for prayer for children, grandchildren, family members.)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Amaz'n Grace (arr. Dick Blosser)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

***CONFESSING THE FAITH, No. 882** *The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)*

SENDING FORTH

***SONG, No. 503** *Let It Breathe on Me*

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

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

***POSTLUDE, GREETING EACH OTHER AFTER THE SERVICE**

PRAYER WITH AND FOR THE SICK Pastor Phil, Kit Adkins

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and at msumc1.org
We pray together on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm in the chapel behind the sanctuary.