

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, February 17, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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Our *Alpha Course* on basic Christianity begins this evening at 5:45pm. Come!

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

First Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"Jesus is the great disturber of comfortable religion. The church belongs to him!"

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Schuyler McGinnis

PRELUDE *Forty Days and Forty Nights (arr. C. Callahan)*

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

(We remember Vera Tharpe and Don Walsh who died this week)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *You Are My All in All (Jernigan)* U.M Worship & Song

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame

Rising up again, I bless Your name, You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Hebrews 3:12-14

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.

"Take care, brother and sisters,

lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart,

leading you to fall away from the Living God.

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called today,

that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
For we share in Christ,
if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end."

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 139** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Crucifer: Herin Warner; Acolytes: Vivi Joy Pinckney, Sam Crooks

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER** Based on Luke 20:1-20
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

You will not be trapped, O Lord, in our religious boxes.
Even our truest doctrines do not capture or control your mystery.
You are ever free to disrupt our comfortable compromises
and set your severe and wonderful mercies in our midst.
How desperately we need to worship you, to dwell in you,
to let your teaching change the way we think and live.
We want to be more than the big, old church on the corner.
Move us past our love affair with predictability and respectability
and into the holy passion
that lives eternally between you, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We declare that the church belong to you, O God, and not to any of us.
Come and reign over us today in the power and light of your Spirit.
Amen. (All listen for the voice of the Lord.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS
ON THE WITNESS STAND *Honduras Mission* Suzanne Nicholson

CELEBRATION SINGERS *He's Got the Whole World (arr. A.D. Miller)*

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT *The Lord's Unfruitful Vineyard* Isaiah 5:1-7
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Jon Bassett: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 80 (Response 1)** *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel* Pages 801-802
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Margaret Crooks

A TEACHING MOMENT *Why We Need The Church* *Hymnal: 45*
 "The church is of God,
 and will be preserved to the end of time,
 for the conduct of worship
 and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments,
 the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline,
 the edification of believers,
 and the conversion of the world.
 All, of every age and station,
 stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies."
 Church belongs to God (1)
 God will preserve it (2)
 It must worship (3)
 Bible, Baptism & Table (4)
 Love & boundaries (5)
 Build people up in the faith (6)
 Local and world mission and evangelism (7)
 Rich and poor (8)
 Unique in all the world (9)

ANTHEM *Hope of the World (arr. L. Larson)* Chancel Choir
 Rhonda McGinnis: Flute, Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Shames The Temple Clergy* Luke 20:1-20
 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Teflon Jesus* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
How can we open ourselves and our structures to a fresh visit from Jesus?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN, No. 444** *O Young and Fearless Prophet*

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Priceless Treasure (arr. M. Burkhardt)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

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

***CONFESSING THE FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* *Hymnal: 881*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 540** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

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

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

The flowers are given to God's glory in loving honor of Brooke Faulkner's 25th birthday on February 21 by her family.

Be sure to pick up one of the Lenten devotional books at the exits (\$5.00 donation).