

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, March 17, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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This week's Lenten Pilgrimage Service and lunch is at Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

Fifth 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 stands alone as the only one pure enough and strong enough to defeat evil.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Cecilia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Marche Religieuse (A. Guilmont)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***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, Ephesians 6:10-12

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.

“Finally,” wrote Paul, “Be strong in the Lord
and in the strength of his might.”

Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
For we are not contending against flesh and blood,
but against the principalities, against the powers,
against the world rulers of this present darkness,
against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 575** *Onward Christian Soldiers*
Crucifer: Julia Baker; Acolytes: Ann Baker, Caroline Joseph

***MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Luke 22:39-65

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have called us into a partnership of love and service,
and you delight to hear our prayers and send your aid.
That we exhaust human solutions before turning to you is pride.
That we are not honest about our true desires is deception.
That we do not reckon with the power of darkness is blindness.
We thank you for the powerful example of Jesus and his mighty prayers,
especially for people like us for whom prayer is such a struggle.
Draw us close to your strength today.
Be to us a Father of protection and defense against all that attacks us.
Cover us with the mercy and forgiveness offered us in our Savior,
and may your Holy Spirit show us the battle that rages all around us.
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

FIRST LESSON *The End Of All Evil* Revelation 20:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Kim Clark: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Smith

ANTHEM *Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs (V. Johnson)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Receives Strength In Prayer* Luke 22:39-65
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *One Hero!* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
Could it be that the weakness and vice of my life is through neglect of prayer?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***INVITATION HYMN, No. 511** *Am I a Soldier of the Cross?*

***OUR FIRST BAPTISMAL VOW: TO SAY A FIRM NO TO ALL THAT OPPOSES GOD!**

“On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?” I do.	The complex problem is: Evil: <i>Up there!</i> Fallen Culture: <i>Out there!</i> Each human heart: <i>In here!</i>
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OFFERTORY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus (David Cherwien)*
Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER SUNG** *Hymnal: 271 (Calypso!)*

***CONFESSING THE ANCIENT FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed"** Hymnal: No. 881

SENDING FORTH

***WESLEY HYMN ON DAILY WORK, No. 438** *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

***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 given to God's glory in memory of Stanley Baker, III by his family.)

Maundy Thursday service is March 28 at 7:00pm.

The Good Friday service is March 29 at 7:00pm.