

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 1, 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

1st Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Advent is a four Sunday countdown to Christmas. Be prepared for Christ’s arrival!”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Sam Crooks

PRELUDE *Veni, Emmanuel (John Levitt)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

***JAZZ CALL TO WORSHIP** *God’s Love Made Visible (Dave Brubeck)*

God’s love made visible! Incomprehensible!
He is invincible! His love shall reign!
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable
make death surmountable! His love shall reign!
Joyfully pray for peace and good will!
All of our yearning he will fulfill.
Live in a loving way! Praise him for every day!
Open your hearts and pray! His love shall reign!

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 24:7-8

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.

“Lift up you heads, O gates !

And be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 213** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Crucifer: Bob Bennett,

Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Spence Hagood, Advent Banner: Jay Logan

***INVITATION, MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Christ our Lord invites to his table
all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let *us* confess *our* sin before God and neighbor.

He invites! It's *his* table!
Do you love him?
Are you turning to him?
Do you seek peace?
Communal

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have embraced us and our broken world in Jesus the Son,
who gladly chose to lay aside his glory to come among the likes of us.
He looked like any man, but when he spoke the lights came on.
You have called us to be his followers, and for him to be our Rabbi.
But we do not listen well, and we are poor learners.
We turn away from the fellowship of Christ's sufferings,
and we have grown too much like the world and its vain pursuits.
Forgive us once again because of Jesus' great sacrifice for us all,
Grant us fresh courage to speak his name with love and reverence,
so that on that great day of judgment, when all shall give an account,
he will not be ashamed to call us his own.
Come, Holy Spirit, and shine your light within every mind and heart.
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

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(Jim, Kathy, Jeremy, Cass, Selah, Moriah, Patrick, Lauren, Clara Jane, and Wesley Kelly)

Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of death you bring life.

Renew us in hope,

that we may be alert to the arrival of Christ's advent among us.

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

Sing "A Candle is Burning" from the bulletin insert.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shell Dula

ANTHEM *Come Now, Savior of the Nations (M. Burkhardt)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Takes A Poll And Shows His Glory* Luke 9:18-36
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Who's Worth Listening To?* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 173** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (arr. D. Cherwein)*
Joyce Nickles: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, Chorus of No. 238** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Musical Setting B: 18-20

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
Servers: Richard & Susan Pinckney, Joe & Vickie Chandler,
Ann West & Karen Wilson, Shell & Mary Dula, Larry Moore: Assistant

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 206** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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

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

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

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS AT THE ALTAR Pastor Phil, Kit Adkins

HOLY COMMUNION IS TAKEN TO THE HOMEBOUND BY OUR LAITY TEAM

The poinsettias are given in loving honor of Mrs. Pauline Wilson
and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Connell by Frankie and Judy Connell and family
and in loving memory of Gack, Libby Johnson and Grandpa Lyle, Lyle Hartung
by Andy, Sarah, Joe and Libby Hartung

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and at msumc1.org
THE *HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE* IS TONIGHT AT 6:30PM