

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, July 21, 2013**

**Services at 8:30 am & 11:00 am**

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**Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"**

# THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

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\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

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**“The gospel of Jesus Christ is best heard through the harmony of many voices.”**

## ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

**TRINITY CHIME**

Schuyler McGinnis

**PRELUDE**

*Praise the Lord (Cesar Frank)*

Joyce Nickles: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*If You Believe and I Believe* Upper Room Worshipbook

(Lyrics: Zimbabwe, Tune: English, arranged by John Bells)

(Larry Moore: Music Director)

***If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free, and set God's people free,  
the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free.***

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, The Commands of God

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.**

“God spoke from the mountain and said:

‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the Land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me’.”

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

“You shall not make for yourself and idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.”

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness.  
You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.**

Jesus said, 'The first commandment is this:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind and with all your strength.**

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

**There is no other commandment greater than these.'"**

**\* PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 64**    *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*  
Crucifer: Jay Logan, Acolytes: Layton Logan, Bennett Charles

**\* MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

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

**Almighty and merciful God, our heavenly Father,  
we thank you for seeking us out,  
for not leaving us in the darkness and confusion of our sin.  
You have invaded our world in Jesus Christ,  
and in him you have put our loving heart on full display.  
He teaches us so we can love you with our minds.  
He changes our deep desires so we can love you with our hearts.  
He touches our flesh that we may love you with all our strength.  
Send your Spirit down upon your people again this day,  
that as the Scriptures are read and preached,  
we may see and follow and obey Jesus in all his wisdom  
and so prove to be his modern day disciples and a light to the world.  
Amen. (All pray in silence.)**

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

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS**

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**     *Joshua Reminds the People*     Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-28  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
Martha Moore: Lay Reader

**\*PSALM 78 (selected)**     *Give Ear, O My People*     Hymnal: 799-780

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**     Kathy Kelly

**SOLO**     *Here I Am, Lord (Craig Courtney)*     Martha Moore, Alto  
Rhonda McGinnis: Flute, Joyce Nickles Piano

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER**     Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

**SERMON LESSON**     *The Beatitudes*     Matthew 5: 3-10  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**     *Being Blessed and Being a Blessing*     Rev. William Rogers

### **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN, NO. 557**     *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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

### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**     *Meditation on a Hymn Tune*     Joyce Nickles: Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**     *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**     Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

### **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN NO. 504**     *The Old Rugged Cross*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**     Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

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

**\*POSTLUDE,**     Joyce Nickles: Organist

The chancel flowers are given in loving honor of Carolyn Murph by her family in celebration of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 27.