

We welcome you to worship the Living and Triune God. Jesus Christ is alive and with us in the power of the Holy Spirit. To schedule an appointment or become a member, speak to Pastor Phil. Prayer and counsel are available after the service. Silence your phones and give yourself to the holy work of worship! You are called to be a follower of the Lord, a member of his people, and a participant in his mission. It's our business as we serve the world from the center of Greenwood, SC. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Sunday Services at 8:30/11:00am

www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

A WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

6:30pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"We believe and confess that God the Son truly assumed full humanity in Jesus Christ."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

MaryAshlynn Perkey

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze (Bach)

Joyce Nickles: Organ, Rhonda McGinnis: Flute

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Luke 2:11-12

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.

"Be not afraid," said the angel to the shepherds,
for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all the people;

**for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord."**

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 238**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Crucifer: Lucas Bassett, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Libby Hartung; Banner: Joe Hartung

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
send into the darkness of this troubled world the light of your Son.
Let the star of hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth.
So direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us,
as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger of Christ Jesus,
who now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

DUET

Were You There on That Christmas Night?
Mary Ashlynn Perkey, Martha Moore

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Christ Candle

Joe and Vicki Chandler

Susan, Brian, Joshua, and Margaret Albon, Melissa and Ryan Murphy

Lighting the First Four Candles

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Lighting the Christ Candle

We stand tonight on the verge of another Christmas day
and the remembrance of our Savior's birth as a helpless newborn.
And so we shall until he comes again, not in weakness but in glory.
We light the Christ candle because his light has come among us.
Thanks be to God for his appearing. Amen.

Let us pray together:

**God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love,
our time of waiting is almost over.**

May we as your people proclaim your greatness.

**May we see You in those who are weak, humble, poor, and hungry,
who come empty-handed and expect to be fed.**

**We pray for the Light of the World to shine into our lives,
and then through our lives into the darkness of the world.**

May the Word indeed become flesh and dwell among us. Amen.

Song *A Candle is Burning* Insert

SERMON LESSON *The Christmas Story* Luke 2:1-21

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Raising Questions at Christmas* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
Who is the world's ruler? Who's invited to the party? Is Jesus a Jew?

RESPONSES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM *What Can I Give Him? (arr. Schweizer)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

INVITATION TO A CHRISTMAS EVE MISSIONS OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Christmas Meditation (Purvis)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 238** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Refrain Only

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

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
Servers: Lomax & Marilyn Murphy, Karl Kelly & Lucas Bassett,
Cecilia McGinnis & Debbie Kelly, Lindsay Burns & Schuyler McGinnis.

Carols sung by all during communion: *Hymnal 217, 230, 238, 240, 245*

CANDLE LIGHTING AND SENDING FORTH

CAROL, No. 239 *Silent Night*

AN INVITATION TO BEAR AND SHARE THE LIGHT

***CAROL, No. 246** *Joy to the World* (Stanzas 1, 4 Only)

**Lift your candles on stanza 4 and ring your bell
as a sign of your intention to carry Christ's light into 2014.**

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

POSTLUDE Joyce Nickles: Organist

Pastor Phil's January Sermon Series For 2014

"Disciples Get It"

(Great for those who've been away from church for a while!)

Sunday, Jan. 5 *Disciples Get Rid Of Excuses* Luke 9:51-62

Sunday, Jan. 12 *Disciples Get In On The Excitement* Luke 10:1-24

Sunday, Jan. 19 *Disciples Get The Balance Right* Luke 10:25-52

Sunday, Jan. 26 *Disciples Get In On The Conversation* Luke 11:1-13