

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 24, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

Second Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"What we deeply care about, be it money or status or God, reveals our true hearts."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love (arr. M. Prins)

Chancel Bells

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, Romans 13:8-10

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!

Paul wrote wisely, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another;

for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill,

You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment,

are summed up in this sentence,
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 189** *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Crucifer: Marisa Rogers; Acolytes: Drew Hinton, Rachel Holder

***MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Luke 20:21-26,
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

O God of abundance and generosity, our heavenly Father.
You have appointed governments to restrain evil
and promote the general welfare.
Forgive us for speaking ill of leaders we have not prayed for.
Forgive us for taking the blessings of our nation for granted.
Forgive us for seeking only our private and not the common good.
We thank you, O Lord, for those who serve in government,
who collect our taxes, who provide for the poor,
who seek to protect justice and peace through the courts.
Without these good gifts we would fall into chaos as a people
and the preaching of the gospel would be hindered.
Through the example and spiritual power of Jesus Christ,
make us a good and holy people, free of crime and vice,
eager for righteousness and the conscience of the nation.
We who bear your image, O God, give you praise and honor,
and may your Holy Spirit, our great teacher, pierce our hearts today.
Amen. (All make confession in silence. Pardon is announced.)

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

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *Christians And Government Power* Romans 13:1-14
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(John DeLoach: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 72:1-17 (Response 2)**
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Prayer for Justice

Pages 795-796

Jessica Morris: Youth Minister

A TEACHING MOMENT *Christian Civic Duties* *Book of Discipline 2012: 74-75*

U.M. Confession of Faith, Article XVI—Civil Government

“We believe civil government derives its just powers from the sovereign God. As Christians we recognize the governments under whose protection we reside and believe such governments should be based on, and be responsible for, the recognition of human rights under God. We believe war and bloodshed are contrary to the gospel and spirit of Christ. We believe it is the duty of Christian citizens to give moral strength and purpose to their respective governments through sober, righteous and godly living.”

ANTHEM

My Son Is Love Unknown (M. Schweizer)

Chancel Bells

Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON

Jesus In Conflict Over Money Luke 20:21-16, 41-47, 21:1-4

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

SERMON

In God We Trust?

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Have I given myself, and all I have, to God? What do I hold back? Why?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN, No. 433**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

OFFERTORY

O Sacred Head (arr. M. Prins)

Chancel Bells

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

***A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD, LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

***CONFESSING THE FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal: 881

SENDING FORTH

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

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

***POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**

Joyce Nickles: Organist

ALPHA COURSE 2 TONIGHT AT 5:45PM