

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 24, 2013
Services at 8:30/11:00am

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Bring flowers next Sunday to decorate the resurrection cross. Take a family picture!

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

Palm/Passion Sunday

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“We stand at the gate of Holy Week. Enter with care and prayer.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE ON THE FRONT LAWN FOR THE PROCESSION

(Those who are able gather outside, weather permitting!)

CHIMING OF THE TOWER BELL

Bill White

***PROCESSION WITH PALMS** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* *Hymnal: 280*

(Brass: Sam Kleine, Ryan Minster, Brent Patteson, Miranda Sealander, Tim Sullivan)

Crucifer: Scurry Charles; Acolytes: Bennett Charles, Drew Hinton

Come down the aisle, lay your palms at the altar rail, take your seats by the side aisles.

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Luke 19:38

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.

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!”

***THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

Luke 19:28-40

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

(Lee Robirds: Lay Reader)

***MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 22:66-23:25

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you sent the innocent and sinless one for those who are guilty,
the honest one for those who twist the truth.
You came in person to receive the insults and torture
we freely heaped upon Jesus Christ.
We groan for the freedom of life without sin, violence and death,
where love is not compromised by class and pride and prejudice.
If we are to be your agents and ambassadors,
it will only be because you have forgiven us,
purged us of our attraction to all that is not of you,
and filled us with the divine light and fire of the Holy Spirit.
Without you, O Lord, we are no different
than those who stood in ignorant judgement of your Son
and condemned him to death on the cruel wood of the cross.
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

ANTHEM *The Triumphal Entry (Mark Patterson)* Celebration Singers
Larry Moore: Director

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT *The Third Servant Song* Isaiah 50:4-11
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Lee Robirds: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Kelly, Music Makers: Joyce Nickles, Director

ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (arr. G. Martin)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *The Four Trials Of The Innocent One* Luke 22:66-23:25
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Who's On Trial Here?* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
What does it mean that people just like me mocked and killed the innocent Jesus?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 290**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

OFFERTORY *Festival Anthem on "Ellacombe" (D. Lantz) Larry Moore: Director
Chancel Choir, Joyce Nickles: Organist, Brass*

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

***A BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

***CONFESSING THE ANCIENT FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal: 880

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 297**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Organ and Brass

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

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

Joyce Nickles: Organist

The flowers in the narthex and outside the Amen Corner in the hall are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mildred Gallely by her family.

Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion

The English word Maundy is from the Latin *mandatus* meaning command. On this evening that Jesus ate his last meal with his disciples and, according to John's Gospel, washed their feet and commanded them to do the same for one another. A symbolic foot washing will be performed. Participation is purely voluntary. Hint: women who want to participate should not wear hose!

Friday, March 28, 7:00pm Good Friday Service Of Lessons & Tenebrae

On the day of Jesus' death we will read the Passion Story from the Gospel of Luke in sixteen segments and extinguish a candle after each lesson. As we move towards the story of Jesus' burial the shadows in the sanctuary will lengthen. The church is stripped of all ornamentation. The service concludes with everyone departing in silence. Tenebrae means shadows.