

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, November 24, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

www.msumc1.org and 92.5FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

Our 26th *Hanging of the Greens* Service is next Sunday at 6:30pm

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

Last Sunday After Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"The kingdom of God in Christ is not a fantasy but an alternative reality."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Lucas Bassett

PRELUDE

The Doxology (Old Hundredth, arr. Paul Michelson)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor, Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel

***CALL TO WORSHIP, No. 405**

Seek Ye First

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 28:16-20

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.

What is the Great Commandment?

**To love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind,
and all our strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

And what is the Great Commission?

That we, the church,

**are to go among all the peoples of the world and there make disciples,
welcoming them into the body of Christ through baptism,
and teaching them to do all that Jesus commanded us,
knowing the risen Lord is with us until the end of time.**

And what is the mission of this church?

We are following Christ from the city-center of Greenwood.

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 694**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Rebekah Lomax, Madaline Radcliffe

***THE READING OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S 1863 THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION**

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

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you alone know the secrets of history,
why nations rise and fall, why some lives are long and others short.
We thank you for divine patience,
for giving us time to turn from darkness to the light of Jesus Christ.
In him your holy kingdom was put on public display,
and we your people marvel at all you freely offer us in our Savior.
But we have not been the disciples or citizens we ought to be.
We have complained about our leaders more than prayed for them.
We have retreated from the public square and the common good.
We have embraced convenience and sought the easy way,
and the signs of our decline are all too plain.
Have mercy upon us in the forgiveness of our private and public sins,
and grant us a deep desire to turn away from them and their corruptions.
Do in our midst what you have done before.
Restore to us the light and fire of the Holy Spirit and reign over us all.
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
ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Phil Saunders: Youth Minister

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON

Two Food Miracles Of Elijah

2 Kings 4:38-42

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

(Glenn Williams: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Myra Greene

ANTHEM *Celtic Laud (Craig Courtney)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Glimpse Of a New World Order* Luke 9:1-17
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Facing The Impossible With The Invisible* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

What would Christ have to strip me of to prepare me for risky mission?
Where has God called me to work for healing and resist evil in all its forms?
How is Jesus' table an example of radical, abundant hospitality?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

*HYMN, No. 599 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Now Thank We All Our God (arr. John Leavitt)*
Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SENDING FORTH

*SONG, No. 507 *Through It All*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

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

*POSTLUDE, GREETING EACH OTHER AFTER THE SERVICE

AN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL IS WAITING FOR YOU AT THE EXIT!

LUNCH AND DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. JOIN US!

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and at msumc1.org
To contribute to the UMCOR response to Typhoon Haiyan, mark your check
Advance #982450 or give online at www.umcor.org

The beautiful harvest arrangement prepared by Dennis Moore is given in honor
of Joyce Nickles for her 26 years as organist of Main Street UMC.