

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, August 25, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

*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 depth of our compromise with the world's values:
that we pile up money and hide our hearts from the poor;
that we seek to satisfy every desire of belly and body and mind;
that we numb ourselves with mindless entertainments in a search for joy;
that we rarely stand up and speak out for Christ when it will cost us.
We need more than forgiveness and a fresh start,
though that would be a good beginning.
Enroll us in the academy of Jesus Christ,
and in the boot camp of the Holy Spirit.
Show us how to live now as faithful citizens of your blessed kingdom,
and mold us into a people who can receive the blessings that never fail.
Amen.** (All pray 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**

Larry Moore: Music Director

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *The Woes of a Coming Judgment* Isaiah 5:1-25

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

(Susan Pinckney: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Alexander

*UNITED METHODIST TEACHING

The Book of Discipline 2012: 74

Confession of Faith, Article XII: The Judgment and the Future State

“We believe all men (women) stand under the righteous judgment of Jesus Christ,
both now and in the last day. Now and later

We believe in the resurrection of the dead; Verdict: Division at the end of the age

the righteous/ to life eternal Option 1: *Blessed are....*

and the wicked/ to endless condemnation.” Option 2: *But woe to....*

ANTHEM *Prayer to the Trinity (Michael Bedford)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Kingdom Healer, Kingdom Prophet* Luke 6:17-26
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *The Upside-Down Kingdom* Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION

What response is God calling me to in light of this message?
Just how far am I willing to go with this *kingdom of God thing*?

***HYMN, No. 453** *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
The communion rail is open for prayer during this hymn.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (D. Cherwein)* Joyce Nickles

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S 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.

SENDING FORTH

***A NEW HYMN LYRIC** *In Praise of God and Teachers* Scripture Sheet

***THE BLESSING OF EDUCATORS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

***POSTLUDE, GREETING EACH OTHER AFTER THE SERVICE**

The single rosebud is given in memory of Phyllis McWatty by her family.

Sermon copies are available up front and on the website.

Please put your prayer request cards in the offering plate.

Our prayer meeting is Thursday from 6:30-7:00PM in the chapel.

A HYMN OF THANKS FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

(Tune: *Ellacombe* 7.6.7.6 D)

- 1. All praise to God our Father, the source of every good!
For minds to search out secrets, and learn the ways of truth.
The disciplines and virtues for this great task we pray,
and teachers who will guide our path along the way to you.**
- 2. To our great rabbi Jesus Christ, we lift our voice in praise!
For holy words and mighty deeds that showed your kingdom near.
O may we ever follow those who first followed him,
and find in all our teachers a model of his ways.**
- 3. The Spirit is our holy guide into the ways of life!
We look for light upon the page and fire within our hearts.
Inspire our teachers, God we pray, with insights from above,
that by their love and joyful lives, we may true students be.**
- 4. For those you send and who prepare their minds and hearts aright,
to teach the children everywhere the things that bring delight,
we honor them and you, O Lord, for this great gift you give,
that in our learning we become your children once again.**

**Pastor Phil Thrailkill
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