

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, December 29, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

Next Sunday is our Covenant Renewal Sunday. Renew your faith for 2014!

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

1st Sunday After Christmas

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Jesus is a controversialist and a divider; he stirs deep positive and negative responses.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Lucas Bassett

PRELUDE *Noel Fanfare (Charles Callahan)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor, Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* *The Faith We Sing: 2100*

**Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem’s home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.**

**Refrain: O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.**

**Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,
And in great humility.**

***GREETING** Trinitarian Acclamation, Hebrews 1:1-3

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

“In many and various ways
God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets;

**but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,
whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.
He reflects the glory of God
and bears the very stamp of his nature,
upholding the universe by his word of power."**

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 218** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*
Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Andrew Driver, Spence Hagood

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER** Based on Matthew 2:1-23

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

**As a newborn you came, Lord Jesus, wrinkled and red,
drawing a first breath and needing to be nursed.
At your birth a new star rose
and to your cradle came mysterious seekers from the East.
You were the fulfillment of ancient hopes,
and the evil ones hated you and sought your life.
By the influence of your magnetic grace,
create in us the same adventuresome faith as the wise men,
that we may follow the clues you leave in every life and heart
and find ourselves fulfilled in offering the worship that is due you,
for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (All pray in silence.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 204** *Emmanuel*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come* Isaiah 60:1-7
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Marilyn Murphy: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 72:1-17 (Response No. 1)** *Hymnal: 795-796*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Phil Thraikill: Pastor

SOLO *Sweet Little Jesus Boy (MacGimsey)* Myra Greene: Soprano

SERMON LESSON *Search and Find, Search and Destroy* Matthew 2:1-23
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *The Aftermath of Christmas* Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 254** *We Three Kings*
(The altar rail is open for prayer during this hymn.)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO *I Wonder As I Wander (John Jacob Niles)* Larry Moore: Baritone

***DOXOLOGY, Chorus of No. 238** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE COVENANT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM** *Hymnal: 33*

To be baptized: Margaret Lynn Shirley (b. July 21, 2013),
daughter of Winston Shirley and Josie Adams;
To be received as a member on reaffirmation of faith: Winston Shirley.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 251** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

JOYCE'S FINAL POSTLUDE!

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

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and at msumc1.org.

Join us for a half hour prayer this Thursday at 6:30pm in the chapel.

The Thraikill family is grateful for all the goodies and well-wishes
we have received from you this Christmas season!

Pastor Phil's January Sermon Series For 2014

"Disciples Get It"

Sunday, Jan. 5	<i>Disciples Get Rid Of Excuses</i>	Luke 9:51-62
Sunday, Jan. 12	<i>Disciples Get In On The Excitement</i>	Luke 10:1-24
Sunday, Jan. 19	<i>Disciples Get The Balance Right</i>	Luke 10:25-52
Sunday, Jan. 26	<i>Disciples Get In On The Conversation</i>	Luke 11:1-13