

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 31, 2013
Resurrection of the Lord!
Services at 8:30/11:00am
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THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am **Easter/ Resurrection of the Lord** **Color: White**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Jesus’ resurrection is a glimpse of the promised transformation of all that is.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Lucas Bassett

PRELUDE *An Easter Celebration* Joyce Nickles: Organ, Brass Ensemble

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP, No. 162** *Alleluia, Alleluia* Stanzas 1, 4 Only

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

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.

Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
Blessing and honor, dominion and power,
be to God for ever and ever!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 302(1-4)** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Organ, Brass
Crucifer: Joe Hartung; Acolytes: Libby Hartung, Ann Baker

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER** Based on Luke 24:1-12

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
whose love is stronger than death,
and whose wisdom is wiser than all human schemes,
it was you who robbed the grave and raised the Lord Jesus.
It was your Holy Spirit that transformed the crucified one
and left the empty tomb and grave clothes as evidence.
It was your design that the church be founded
upon the cross and resurrection of your only Son.
For flooding this world with the light of life and the hope of your kingdom,
and for giving us a gospel worth singing to a lost and dying world,
we thank you, O Lord.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Amen. (Silent prayer by all.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 83**

Gloria in Excelsis

ANTHEM

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen (Mark Patterson)

Celebration Singers

Larry Moore: Director

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON

The Early Church's Message of Resurrection

Acts 10:34-43

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

(Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Myra Greene

ANTHEM

The Joyful Eastertide (Jeremy Bankson)

Chancel Choir, Brass, Organ

Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON

The Initial Evidence Is Gathered

Luke 24:1-12

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

SERMON

Too Good Not To Be True

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Possible Action Steps From This Sermon

- 1) Read all the Gospel resurrection stories at one sitting. What do you make of them?
- 2) When is the last time God filled you with holy terror and heart-throbbing awe?
- 3) Look at your body and imagine when resurrection comes to you! How should you treat it now?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 322**

Up from the Grave He Arose

***PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH & GOD'S WORLD**

Pray silently after each petition

OFFERTORY

O God Beyond All Praising (Robert Hobby)

Choir, Organ, Brass

***DOXOLOGY, No. 95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

Musical Setting B: 18-20

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.

***HOLY COMMUNION**

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave

Servers: Steve & Cindy Skinner, Chuck & Anne Drake,

Glenn & Allie Williams, Karl & Debbie Kelly, Table Assistant: Mary Lynn Polk

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 308**

Thine Be the Glory

Organ, Brass

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Hallelujah (Handel's Messiah)

Copies in your pew

***TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**

Joyce Nickles: Organist

The sermon text for next Sunday in Luke 24:13-35, *The Emmaus Story*

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and on the website.