

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 8, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"If image management is dear to you, following Jesus could be a big downer!"

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ann Baker

PRELUDE

Veni, Emmanuel (John Ferguson)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor, Prayer Sentinel: Glenn Williams

***JAZZ CALL TO WORSHIP** *God's Love Made Visible (Dave Brubeck)* See Insert

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Romans 13:11-12

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.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Beside this you know what hour it is,
how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep.

**For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed;
the night is far gone, the day is at hand.**

Let us then cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light;

let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day,

**not in reveling and drunkenness,
not in debauchery and immorality,
not in quarreling and jealousy.**

**But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for your fallen nature."**

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Crucifer: MaryAshlynn Perkey,

Acolytes: Rachel Holder, Vivi Joy Pinckney, Advent Banner: Jay Logan

***MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 9:37-50

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you call us all to reject the manifold ways of sin
and follow in the costly way of Jesus Christ.
We long for the power of your love to make us free and whole.
We confess that we have often trusted in what cannot save.
We have trusted in technique and traditions.
We have trusted in our own understanding and learning.
We have trusted in schemes to build our own significance,
and we have isolated ourselves from Christians who are not our brand.
May your Holy Spirit visit us in this hour of divine worship,
that we may taste the sweet freedom of forgiveness
and the joy of knowing that you will never leave or forsake us.
Be our great God, and we will learn to be your faithful people.
Amen. (All pray in silence. Pardon is announced.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

THE ADVENT WREATH

Sandra Johnston, Suzanne & Will Nicholson

Let us pray together:

**God of hope, Prince of Peace,
you speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child.
Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers
that we may be called children of God.
God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come. Amen.**

A Candle is Burning, stanza 2:

To the tune of Away in a Manger

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way:
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Kelly

ANTHEM

A Place to Keep Your Son (Matthew Corl)
Larry Moore: Director

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

Four Consecutive Failures

Luke 9:37-50

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

SERMON

Only One Hero On This Team

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

Do I understand that in following Jesus as a disciple I will be utterly exposed?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 581** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

***A LITANY OF SURRENDER FOR MODERN DISCIPLES**

Based on Luke 9:37-50

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

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (arr. D. Cherwein)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, Chorus of No. 238**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 211**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

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

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR FOR YOUR NEEDS

Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Schulze's 70th wedding anniversary on December 11th by their family.

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

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

Please pray for Hannah Gray and Bailey Thompson to be married Dec. 14.