

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, September 8, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"To be deeply changed we must come to Jesus, listen to his truth, then put it into action."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME MaryAshlynn Perkey

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (arr. Callahan)*

Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

What is our mission?

We are "Following Christ from City Center"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People*

Clap your hands, O faithful people!

Shout to God a song of praise!

**The Most High our land has ransomed,
and will reign as Lord always!**

Great the majesty around us,

sure the paths our feet have trod;

**we are claimed as sons and daughters,
children of a gracious God.**

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 1

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.

**"Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;
or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law the meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water
that yield their fruit in their season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish."

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 454** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
Crucifer: Cecilia McGinnis, Acolytes: Lucas Bassett, Rebekah Lomax

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
in Jesus you have blazed a trail through the darkness of this world,
and you have called us to walk with him and in his light all our days.
But how many are the detours and sideshows along the way.
How easily we follow false teachers with their smooth, easy messages.
How quickly we set about correcting others instead of ourselves.
We grow fat on Christian teaching and are lean in our obedience.
We crave constant inspiration rather than the habits of holy living.
Sober us, O Lord, as your Holy Spirit illumines the written Word of Scripture.
Save us from making a wreck of our lives.
Guide us into the paths of heartfelt obedience,
that we may know the joy that is life indeed.
If we are to be your people, correct and heal and restore us.
Amen. (All pray and listen in silence.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

CELEBRATION SINGERS *Come, Thou Almighty King* Larry Moore: Director
Rhonda McGinnis: Flute

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only* James 1:12-26
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Amy Young: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Alexander
ANTHEM *God Be in My Head (Arlen Clarke)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *It Matters Who You Follow* Luke 6:39-49
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *How A Jesus-Follower Endures* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
Am I enrolled as a student in the school of Jesus Christ?
Am I willing to pray and examine my own life before correcting others?
If my words were taped for a day, would the Lord be pleased?
Where is the Spirit speaking to me about an issue of neglected obedience?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 467** *Trust and Obey*

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, LORD'S PRAYER**

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

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Special Epworth Offering

OFFERTORY *Meditation from Sacred Harp (Owen)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

SENDING FORTH

***SONG, No. 503** *Let It Breathe on Me*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

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

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Ruth (Rink) Moore Thomas
in loving memory of her parents, Gray and Ruth Moore.

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

We pray together on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm in the chapel behind the sanctuary.