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, April 13, 2014

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 Palm/Passion Sunday

11:00 am

Color: Purple

\*Stand as able A nursery is provided Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"We stand at the gate of Holy Week. Enter with care and prayer."

# **ENTRANCE**

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE ON THE FRONT LAWN FOR THE PROCESSION

(Those who are able gather outside, weather permitting!)

#### CHIMING OF THE TOWER BELL

\*PROCESSION WITH PALMS, No. 278 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(Brass: Sam Kleine, Ryan Minster, Brent Patteson, Miranda Sealander, Paul Haarala)
Crucifer: Keaton Alexander, Acolytes: Andrew Driver, Vivi Joy Pinckney.

Come down the aisle, lay your palms at the altar rail, take your seats by the side aisles.

#### \*GREETING

Trinitarian Greeting, Luke 19:38

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 is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"** 

## \*THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** (Shell Dula: Lay Reader)

#### \*COMMON PRAYER

Based on Mt. 27:55-65, 28:1

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, author of life eternal, there is one who stands before you on our behalf.
His body bears the marks of holy week, the scars and wounds we sinners inflicted.
In him you opened your heart and showed us the kingdom.
As we enter the story of Jesus' last days upon earth, may your Holy Spirit stir in us afresh the desire to be his faithful followers.
Make us one with all the church in heaven and on earth: one in true doctrine, that we may honor you with clear minds; one in love, that we may seek you with fervent hearts; one in soul and strength; that we may serve you with faithful actions. Preserve your church in the gift of unity, that the world may believe in Christ and new find life in him and with us till we see you face to face.

Amen. (All pray in silence, listening for the voice of the Lord.)

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

ANTHEM He Comes Celebration Singers

Larry Moore: Director, Tiffany Atkinson: Assistant

ON THE WITNESS STAND Heather Green: Leath Corrections Arts Program

# **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

FIRST LESSON Jesus' Self-Offering Hebrews 9:1-14, 25-28

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

(Shell Dula: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Alexander

ANTHEM God So Loved the World (John Carter) Chancel Choir

Larry Moore: Director

**SERMON LESSON** Dead and Buried Matthew 27:55-65, 28:1

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

**SERMON** Fussing Over A Corpse Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

### SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED

\*HYMN, No. 286 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

#### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** Sarabande Josh Harrington: Organist, Brass

\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

\*BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Lord, in your mercy. Hear our 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.

\*CONFESSING THE ANCIENT FAITH, No. 881

The Apostle's Creed

## SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 298	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
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\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

\*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666 Shalom to You

\*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR! Josh Harrington: Organist, Brass

## **GOSPEL READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK**

April 13, Palm/Passion Sunday	. Matthew 26:1-16
April 14, Monday	Matthew 26:17-19
April 15, Tuesday	Matthew 26:20-35
April 16, Wednesday	Matthew 26:36-56
April 17, Thursday Matthew 26:57-75 (Maundy Thursday	Service, 7:00 pm)
April 18, Friday Matthew 27:1-56 (Good Friday	Service, 7:00 pm)
April 19, Saturday	Matthew 27:57-66
April 10, Easter Sunday	. Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 20 He's Alive! So What's Next? Matthew 28:1-10

Bring flowers next Sunday to decorate the resurrection cross. Take a family picture!