

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 16, 2014**

**Services at 8:30/11:00am**

**[www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org) and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon**

**Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"**

# THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**St. Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is man and woman fully alive."**

## ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE** Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

**TRINITY CHIME**

Ella Bassett

**PRELUDE** *How Dear To Me Is Your Dwelling (Powell)* Josh Harrington: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Peggy Ackerman: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Give Me Jesus*

*U.M. Worship & Song: 3140*

**In the morning when I rise (3x)**

**Give me Jesus. (3x)**

**You may have all this world, give me Jesus.**

**I heard my momma say (3x)**

**Give me Jesus (3x)**

**You may have all this world, give me Jesus**

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Proverbs 6:6, 9; 13:4; 21:25

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.**

"Go to the ant, O sluggard;

**consider her ways, and be wise.**

How long will you lie there, O sluggard?

**When will you arise from your sleep?**

The soul of the sluggard craves, and gets nothing,

**while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.**

The desire of the sluggard kills him

**for his hands refuse to labor."**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 126**      *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
(Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Sam Crooks, Madaline Radcliffe)

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** . . . . Based on Rev. 3:14-22

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**  
**calling us to fervent love for Jesus Christ and one another,**  
**how easily we are seduced into spiritual sloth and lazy mediocrity.**  
**We waltz in and out of church as if it were an amusement park.**  
**We sample and comment on sermons as if they were items on a food bar.**  
**We laugh at the sins of our national leaders**  
**and expect our preachers to be entertainers and comedians.**  
**Remove the creeping numbness from our souls.**  
**Have mercy. Have mercy, O Lord, and wake us from our slumbers.**  
**Come by the power of your Holy Spirit to show us who you are,**  
**the Awesome and Living God who judges the lukewarm and complacent.**  
**Forgive, rebuke, correct and instruct us,**  
**that we may more like the one we call Savior, even Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who was full of holy zeal for your kingdom which sets everything ablaze**  
**and who is merciful and kind to all who turn to him in true repentance.**  
**Amen.** (All pray in silence. Confess your sins. Pardon is announced.)

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**      *Glory Be to the Father*

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS**

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**      *Greater Greenwood United Ministries*  
Dan Flint, Rosemary Bell

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**OLD TESTAMENT**      *The Very Opposite of Sloth: A Noble Woman*      Proverbs 31  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
(Lee Robirds: Lay Reader)

**DRAMA**      *Christian and the Deadly Sin of Sloth*      Julia Baker, Phil Saunders  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**      Mary Alexander

**SOLO** *It Is Well With My Soul (arr. John Ness Peck)* Tiffany Atkinson: Soprano

**INTRODUCING THE DEADLY SIN OF SLOTH** Back of Scripture Sheet

**SERMON LESSON** *Jesus On Sloth* Revelation 3:14-22, Luke 12:35-40

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**SERMON** *Sloth: The Sin of the Spectator* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

## RESPONSES TO THE WORD

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

Has sloth deadened my heart and mind to the joy and purposes of the Lord?

**\*CHARLES WESLEY ANTI-SLOTH HYMN, No. 413** *A Charge to Keep I Have*

The altar is open for prayer during the hymn.

The slothful may remain seated or leave the singing to others!

**INVITATION, OFFERTORY** *How Dear to Me is Your Dwelling Place (Powell)*

Josh Harrington: Organist

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

**\*CONFESSING THE FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* *U.M. Hymnal: 880*

(The Orthodox have called an Ecumenical Council in 2016, the first in 1200 years!)

The slothful will resent that this is a longer than the Apostles' Creed!

## SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN, No. 514** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Sung with zeal!

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

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

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

**CHAPEL PRAYER TEAM** Kit Adkins, Peggy Ackerman

The flowers are to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Stanley Baker, III by his family.

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

**Sunday, March 23** *Greed: When Enough Is Not* **Luke 12:13-21, 1 Cor. 5:9-13**