

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, May 25, 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

11:00am **6th Sunday of Easter/Aldersgate** **Color: White**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire."

(Hymn No. 651, Rhabanus Maurus, 9th Century)

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Sam Crooks

PRELUDE

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Where The Spirit of the Lord Is

The Faith We Sing: 2119

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
there is light and life, there is help and power,
in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.**

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

(The Easter season, The Great 50 Days, goes through Pentecost.)

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!

***A READING OF JOHN WESLEY'S JOURNAL FOR MAY 24, 1738**

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 57** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
(Crucifer: MaryAshlynn Perkey, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Ann Baker)

***COMMON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION FOR REVIVAL**

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

**you live in the perfect joy and eternal love of the Holy Trinity,
and you have shown your heart and face to us in Jesus Christ,
who spoke the truth in love and promised to us the fires of the Holy Spirit.
But we live here below on a battleground with many casualties,
and only you comprehend the forces that assault us within and without.
We are weak and frail, prone to wander and make a wreck of lives.
We freely acknowledge our constant need of your protection and aid.
It has been so long, O Lord, since your presence visited us in power.
We read your Book and ask, "Will it ever happen again?"
We invite you to deal with anything in us that blocks your blessing,
the idols of ease and the distractions of our age.
There is no clever idea or program that can satisfy our parched souls.
So open the heavens and drench us in your holy, life-giving presence.
What you have done in earlier days to revive your people, do with us.
We have nothing to offer but our emptiness and our need.
Come, Holy Spirit, and bring to us the riches of Jesus and the Father's love.
Amen. (Wait before the Lord in silence and reverence.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE FOR THE EASTER SEASON** *Ancient of Days*

**Hallelujah, sing to the Lord songs of praise.
We bless you, Lord, we give to you glory due to your holy name.
We stretch out our hands, we stretch out our hands unto you Lord.
We lift up our voice, we lift up our voice inviting you into this place.
Hear us, O God, as once we bring our praise.
A pleasing sacrifice to you, oh Ancient of Days, Ancient of Days.**

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

