

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 27, 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

Second Sunday of Easter

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“When the heart is won by God’s grace, the whole of life plays catch-up!”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

MaryAshlynn Perkey

PRELUDE

I Love You, Lord

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP, No. 162**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Stanzas 1, 2

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

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!

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 318**

Christ is Alive

Crucifer: MaryAshlynn Perkey, Acolytes: Andrew Driver, Sam Crooks)

***COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Luke 11:37-54

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden,
you know that our insides do not match our outsides,
and that we are highly skilled at looking better than we are.
Were our private dreams and thoughts to be made public,
we would all be humiliated and live in the shame of sins made known.
We marvel that you who know us best love us most.
Save us from the deception of religious practices and pious games
that do not go to the very core of who we are.
Enrich our poor souls with the abundance of your Word;
Enlarge our shriveled hearts with the passion of your holy affections;
Illumine our darkened spirits with the light of your Holy Spirit,
that we may be remade from the inside out in the image of Jesus,
the one who both demands integrity and makes it possible.
Rule over us today and set us on the path to life as our Risen Lord!
Amen. (Wait for the Lord's voice and the Spirit's light in silence.)

***ACT OF PRAISE FOR THE EASTER SEASON** *Ancient of Days*
(The Easter season, The Great 50 Days, goes through Pentecost)
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

FIRST LESSON *It Happened On the Road to Emmaus* Luke 23:13-25
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Glenn Williams: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 37:1-11** *Commit Your Way to the Lord* *Hymnal: 772*
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Smith

ANTHEM *His Eye Is On the Sparrow (Gabriel)* Larry Moore: Baritone

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Takes On All Comers!* Luke 11:37-54

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SERMON *Beware! Jesus Is Offensive* Phil Thraikill: Pastor

Do I ever use religion to hide from the truth of God?

What would it mean for Jesus to expose the integrity gap in my heart?

Do I take this as an attack, or as a great offer of mercy and healing?

What happens if he offers and I don't respond?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***CHARLES WESLEY HYMN, No. 417** *O For a Heart to Praise My God*

***PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD, THE 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. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *God's Great Grace (Colin Curtis)* Josh Harrington: Organist

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

***THE FAITH OF THE ANCIENT CHURCH** *The Nicene Creed* *Hymnal: 881*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 304** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

CHAPEL PRAYER TEAM Ann West, Glenn Williams

Sunday, May 4 *Where Courage And Fear Come From* Luke 12:1-12

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Edward F. Workman by his family.