

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, June 29, 2014
Services at 8:30/11:00am
www.msumc1.org

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

3rd 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 live in a small circle of folk *just like me* is to miss out on God's kingdom."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

MaryAshlyne Perkey

PRELUDE *Chorale from Suite Gothique (Boellman)* Josh Harrington: Organist

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gather Us In

Back of Scripture Sheet

**Here in this place new light is streaming
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in- the lost and forsaken,
gather us in- the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Our Mission And Vision Statement

(A new banner on the four marks of our vision will be displayed each Sunday.)

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.**

What is the mission of Main Street United Methodist Church?

We are "Following Christ from City Center."

And what is our vision? How are we faithful to the mission?

**"As members of Main Street United Methodist Church,
we embrace our calling to grow**

as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- * Faithfully worshipping our holy God with love and devotion,
- * Compassionately serving those in need,
- * Building bridges to the diverse neighborhoods that surround us,
- * Welcoming all to hear God's story.

We follow Christ

by faithful participation in the mission and vision of our church."

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 698**

God of the Ages

(Crucifer: Bob Bennett, Acolytes: Andrew Driver, Ella Bassett)

***COMMON PRAYER OF NATIONAL CONFESSION AND PARDON**

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

**Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father,
before whom the nations rise and fall,
we give you thanks for a free church in a free land,
for the great dream that gave our nation birth,
and for the structures of law that guard our liberties.
Yet we are neither the believers nor citizens you call us to be.
We demand our rights and forget our responsibilities.
We turn faith into a private thing and are silent about evil in our midst.
We beg you to stay your hand of righteous judgment which we deserve.
Give us grace and time to turn to you and away from the habits of sin.
Restore to us the holy respect we have lost for your commandments:
first given to Moses in tablets of stone,
perfectly fulfilled in the flesh of Jesus Christ,
and written on the hearts of all the faithful by the Holy Spirit.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *How Believers Strengthen The Common Good* 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

Jon Bassett: Lay Reader

***PSALM 72** *Song for a Just, Compassionate Leader* Hymnal: 795-796
(The Hebrews prayed for their king. Jesus is our ruler who fulfills this Psalm.)

UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE Confession of Faith, Article XVI: Civil Government
“We believe civil government derives its just powers from the sovereign God. As Christians we recognize the governments under whose protection we reside and believe such governments should be based on, and be responsible for, the recognition of human rights under God. We believe war and bloodshed are contrary to the gospel and spirit of Christ. We believe it is the duty of Christian citizens to give moral strength and purpose to their respective governments through sober, righteous and godly living.”

CHILDREN'S TIME Kathy Kelly
ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *A Four-Course Meal With Jesus* Luke 14:1-24
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *God's A- List* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
Am I so concerned with status, class, and prestige issues that I miss God's heart?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

***HYMN, No. 560** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus Savior, Pilot Me (John Gould)* Josh Harrington: Organ

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

***A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE NATION, LORD'S PRAYER**

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

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 697** *America*

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

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

TIME TO GREET A VISITOR, PRAYER AT THE ALTAR Prayer Team

Sunday, July 6 *Bargain-Basement Discipleship* Luke 14:25-35

Join us to pray for the nation on Thursday, July 3 from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel