

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 4, 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

**11:00am**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Color: White**

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“In the face of a skeptical world, it’s time to witness with confidence.”**

## ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Cecilia McGinnis

**PRELUDE**

Amy Blackwood: Guest Pianist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Kit Adkins : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

Stanzas 1, 3

**\*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. 327**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

(Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: William Rowland, Sam Crooks)

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 12:1-12

Christ our Lord invites to his table

all who love him,

(3 Standards)

who earnestly repent of their sin

and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
before whom all shall stand in the judgment and give account,  
we have not been your faithful witnesses and servants.  
We find it easier to speak of the church and harder to speak of Jesus.  
In classrooms and social settings we are often fearful and silent,  
and we have not always lived in ways that make our faith credible.  
Yet you have called us to give our witness in bold and winsome ways  
and to call all people to enroll as disciples of Jesus Christ.  
So we ask your forgiveness for our sins of cowardice and neglect.  
Grant us a fresh hunger to know and be known by our Savior,  
and to obey his call when the voice of the Spirit calls us to attention.  
Because there is both love and liberty in knowing you, the Living God,  
give us courage to face our fears and not betray the Lord Jesus.  
May we fear and reverence and obey you alone,  
and may your divine light of truth and mercy pierce our hearts.  
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)

**\*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**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Shell Dula: The Minister of Enthusiasm!

**ANTHEM**

*The Lamb (Coleman)*

Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

**SERMON LESSON**

*How High Are The Stakes!*

Luke 12:1-12

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

**SERMON***Your Life Is On The Line*

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

What keeps me from speaking of Jesus Christ with love and gratitude?

**RESPONSES TO THE WORD****SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PREACHED****\*HYMN, No. 511***Am I a Soldier of the Cross***\*CONFESSING THE FAITH***The Apostles' Creed**Hymnal: 881*

(This is the script for Christian witness. All it needs is for your story to be added!)

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY**

Amy Blackwood: Guest Pianist

**\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

Musical Setting B: 18-20

(The Great Thanksgiving covers the same Trinitarian story as the Great Creeds!)

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave

Servers: Karl &amp; Debby Kelly, Lindsay Burns &amp; Pam Faulkner, John &amp; Amy Young,

Lomax &amp; Marilyn Murphy, Table Assistant: Larry Moore

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS***Hymnal: 34, 38*

Toby and Caroline Chappell, daughter Annabelle

**SENDING FORTH****\*HYMN No. 536***Precious Name***\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*RESPONSE, No. 666***Shalom to You***TIME TO GREET A VISITOR AND NEW MEMBERS!****CHAPEL PRAYER TEAM**

Peggy Ackerman, Glenn Williams

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God

and in memory of Bob Harmon on his 80th birthday, May 2 by his family.

**Sunday, May 11***The Glory and Gore of Following Jesus*

Luke 12:35-59