

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, January 5, 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**

**Epiphany/ Covenant Sunday**

**Color: White**

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**"A disciple or follower of Jesus is an apprentice learning a whole new way of life."**

## ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Rebekah Lomax

**PRELUDE**

*Cortege (Boellman)*

Josh Harrington: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor, Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

*The Faith We Sing: 2100*

**Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity.**

**Refrain: O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.**

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility.**

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Galatians 4:4-7

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.**

Paul wrote of the benefits of God's coming to us in Jesus this way,  
"But when the time had fully come,  
God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

**to redeem those who were under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters.**

And because you are children,

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"

**So through God you are no longer a slave but a child,  
and if a child then an heir."**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 249**

*There's a Song in the Air*

(Crucifer: Bennett Charles, Acolytes: Claire Leuther-Barrineau, Vivi Joy Pinckney)

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

Based on Luke 9:51-62

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 one another.

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

**it is not your desire that any perish but that all come home to you.**

**You whisper in life's pleasures and shout to us in its pains.**

**You uphold our freedom and let consequences do their honest work.**

**You stay your hand of judgment and pour out good things upon us.**

**And if we look your way and humble ourselves,**

**you send more grace and shine more light on Jesus the Son.**

**Forgive us for all the stubborn ways we resist your approach:**

**when we love only those who are like us,**

**when we create excuses as to why other things are more pressing,**

**when we say No to the immediate inspirations of your Holy Spirit.**

**Rule over us today, and set our feet firmly in the path of Jesus.**

**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**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lisa Smith

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**    *Offertory (John Ness Beck)*    Larry Moore: Director

**SERMON LESSON**    *The Cost Of Discipleship Is High*    Luke 9:51-56, 57-62  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**    *Disciples Get Rid Of Excuses*    Phil Thraikill: Pastor

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

### **\*RENEWING OUR COVENANT WITH GOD FOR 2014**

\*Hymn No. 117    O God, Our Help in Ages Past

\*Preface and Invitation to the Covenant

\*A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition, No. 607

### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**    *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (arr. Anna Laura Page)*

Josh Harrington: Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY, Chorus of No. 238**    *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

Musical Setting B: 18-20

### **\*HOLY COMMUNION**

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave  
Servers: Charlie & Ann West, Shell & Mary Dula, Steve & Cindy Skinner,  
Mark & Lee Robirds, Table Assistant: Larry Moore

### **COMMISSIONING THE 2014 HONDURAS MEDICAL TEAM**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

Steve Skinner, Karl Kelly, Kathy Kelly, Patty Huff, Kit Adkins

**Please keep this bulletin and pray for the team, Jan. 18-26!**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 571**

*Go Make of All Disciples*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

*Shalom to You*

**\*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**

Josh Harrington: Organist

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and at [msumc1.org](http://msumc1.org).

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

Please pray for Lauren Connell and Justin Austin to be married on Saturday.

**Sunday, Jan. 12**

***Disciples Get In On The Excitement***

**Luke 10:1-24**