

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, July 6, 2014
Services at 8:30/11:00am
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Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

4th 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 follow Jesus as a disciple is a new center which reorganizes everything!”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Rebekah Lomax

PRELUDE *Variation 1 from ‘Variations on America’* Josh Harrington: Organist

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

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, 1 Peter 4:12-13, 17

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.

“Beloved,

do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you.

But rejoice in so far as you share Christ’s sufferings,

that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed....

For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God;

and if it begins with us,

what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 419**

I Am Thine, O Lord

(Crucifer: Cecilia McGinnis, Acolytes: Spence Hagood, William Rowland)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 14:25-35

Christ our Lord invites to his table (3 Standards)
all who love him,
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 and most holy God, our heavenly Father,
how quickly we compromise your Word and your call.
We turn your commandments into suggestions.
We turn your Son into a free ticket to heaven.
We turn your prophets and preachers into hirelings and wimps,
and your church into a club of the like-minded and nice.
How easily our convictions dissolve
under the corrosion of our sin and the acids of our culture.
But so great is your mercy and patience,
that still you call us to follow Jesus and to learn his ways as disciples.
Have mercy upon us, and visit us again with the gift of forgiveness.
Wipe away our sin and foolishness, and lead us back to the paths of life.
And may your Holy Spirit be our constant companion and teacher.
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

ON THE WITNESS STAND *Forty-two Years a Faulty Follower* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S TIME *Starting Young* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

ANTHEM *O Living Breath of God (Heigen)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Turns Abruptly On The Crowds* Luke 14:25-35
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON*The Cost of Following, and Of Not*

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

Am I tired and bored with low-cost Christianity?
Have I calculated the costs of being a disciplined follower of Jesus?
Is he worth it? With his help and his friends, can I do it?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD**SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED*****HYMN, No. 415***Take Up Thy Cross***GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY***Elevation (A. Guilmant)*

Josh Harrington: Organist

DOXOLOGY, NO. 95Praise 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: Mary Lynn Polk & Lori Thraikill, John & Susan Thompson,
Charlie & Ann West, Glenn & Allie Williams, Larry Moore: Table Assistant

SENDING FORTH***CHORUS, No. 503***Let It Breathe on Me****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666Shalom to You***TIME TO GREET A VISITOR****PRAYER FOR HEALING AT THE ALTAR**

Pastor Phil, Prayer Team

The flowers are given in loving memory of Sonny Hines by his family.

Sunday, July 13

Someone Is Looking for You!

Luke 15:1-10

Join us to pray on Thursday, July 10 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel