

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, September 22, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"The church must live on the message and reality we offer others: Jesus Christ!"

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Rebekah Lomax

PRELUDE

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee (Walther)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor, Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People

Clap your hands, O faithful people!

Shout to God a song of praise!

**The Most High our land has ransomed,
and will reign as Lord always!**

**Great the majesty around us,
sure the paths our feet have trod;
we are claimed as sons and daughters,
children of a gracious God.**

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Romans 12: 9-11, 21

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.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

love one another with brotherly affection;

outdo one another in showing honor.

Never flag in zeal; be aglow with the Spirit; serve the Lord....

Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 57** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
Crucifer: Bob Bennett, Acolytes: Vivi Joy Pinckney, Sam Crooks

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you stir the human heart with desires that reach beyond creation.
Our vocation is to seek and find you,
and then to know that it was you who first sought us.
We thank you for preserving this great faith across the ages,
that we might finally see your face and know your ways in Jesus Christ.
For all the prophets who came before him, we give you thanks.
For John the Baptist, who prepared the way, we give you thanks.
Save us from being a people who hear and do not do.
Rescue us from deaf ears and hard hearts and moral laziness.
May your Word, read and heard, preached and pondered this day,
be an opening for the Holy Spirit of truth to come upon us all.
Visit us, illumine and speak to us.
Instruct us, comfort us, empower and embolden us.
Set us on fire with love for you, for another,
for all lost and wandering souls, and for all of creation.
We wait upon your holy presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**
Amen. (Silence and listening prayer is kept by all.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Emmie Burns: Administrative Assistant

CARE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Lee Robirds: Congregational Nurse

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON

The Ministry of the Prophet

Malachi 3:1-5

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

(Lee Robirds: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Margaret Crooks

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise (arr. Lloyd Larson)
Myra Greene, Lisa Smith

SERMON LESSON

The Prophet and the Son Rejected Luke 7:18-35
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Jesus Praises And Encourages A Friend Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
What is the danger of missing what God is doing?
Do I seek out where God is at work, or am I always complaining?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

*HYMN, No. 433

All Who Love and Serve Your City
(The altar is open for prayer during this hymn, the offering and prayers.)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Joyce Nickles: Organist

*DOXOLOGY, No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

*THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION, No. 886

SENDING FORTH

*SONG, No. 503

Let It Breathe on Me

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666

Shalom to You

*POSTLUDE, GREETING EACH OTHER AFTER THE SERVICE

PRAYER MINISTRY

Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel

The flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Cronin by their family.

Sermon manuscripts are available after the service and at msumc1.org
We pray together on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm in the chapel behind the sanctuary.