

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 8, 2014
Connection Sunday Service, 10:30am
www.msumc1.org

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

10:30am

Connection Sunday/Pentecost

Color: Red

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"The Holy Spirit is our living link with the risen Jesus and our constant teacher."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ann Baker

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Peggy Ackerman: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Where The Spirit of the Lord Is* *The Faith We Sing: 2119*

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
there is light and life, there is help and power,
in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.**

***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. 539**

O Spirit of the Living God

Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Sam Crooks

Banner Bearers: Jay Logan, Joe Hartung

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

Based on John 16:4b-15, Acts 2:1-21

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**you have displayed your holy love and healing power in Jesus the Son,
and you have placed your Holy Spirit within all his followers.**

But we have grown dry and stale, and our love has grown cold.

We have grieved the Spirit and trusted in what we could control.

We are not the people you've called us to be,

and we turn to you again for mercy and a fresh beginning.

Many of us have never asked the Spirit to fill us to overflowing

and to release in us the gifts and graces that fill the church with life.

**So on this Pentecost Sunday, the day you sent down fire from heaven,
visit us with a fresh outpouring from above.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, and set our hearts and minds on fire with divine love,
then send us out as bold ambassadors of Jesus Christ.**

Amen. (All wait in silence before the Lord.)

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Jubilee Praise Band

(Ken Kittle: Keyboard, Glenn Williams: Guitar, Bob Bennett: Bongos)

Beautiful One, Days of Elijah

TESTIMONIES FROM GOD'S PEOPLE

Where Has God Been at Work?

(A Scripture, a need, an answered prayer, a revelation or spiritual gift, a dream, a rescue from temptation, a healing, a God-sighting, a hope or a dream!)

How would a Spirit-filled church follow Jesus as his disciples?

WELCOME OF VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON *The Holy Spirit Is For All Jesus' Followers* Acts 2:1-21
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Martha Moore: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Kelly: Program Director

ANTHEM *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing (Helvy)* Chancel Choir
Josh Harrington and Amy Blackwood: Piano

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Promises The Holy Spirit To The Church* John 16:4 b-15
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *The Ignored Advantage* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

A Prayer For The Filling And Release Of The Holy Spirit

Lord Jesus, fill me with your divine life and holy fire. Release your gifts that I may serve in your strength. Impart a new hunger for your Word that I may live in joy and wisdom. Make my calling clear, and let me see this wonderful, broken world through your eyes. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me to overflowing. Amen.

***HYMN, No. 347** *Spirit Song* The altar is open for prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Gather Us In (M. Haugen)* Chancel Choir
Rhonda McGinnis: Flute, Amy Blackwood: Violin

***DOXOLOGY, No. 95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER** *Hymnal: 895*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 370** *Victory in Jesus* The Jubilee Band

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING, MEAL BLESSING** Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

***POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!** Josh Harrington: Organist

ALL ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR THE CATERED MEAL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!