

Welcome Our Visitors

**We are excited that you have joined us for worship.
We pray that God will bless you and unite us in praise.
Please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew
pocket and place it in the offering plate.**

Restrooms: The restrooms are located through the doors to the left and right of the choir loft.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Just ask an usher.

Nursery is provided downstairs (use the right door by the organ) during Sunday School and Worship for ages birth to five years.

Weekly Growth in Grace

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. One adult class is located through the door to the right of the choir loft. Turn right, go down the hall, second door on the left. The other is downstairs in the room next to the kitchen. K-2nd grade children meet downstairs in the back room to the left off the social hall. 3rd-5th grade children meet in the room to the right off the social hall.

UM Youth Fellowship, ages 12-18, meet Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 at Lawrence Chapel UMC fellowship hall.

Choir Practice is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

Bible Study meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage, 203 Joseph Street, Central

Prayer List Jerry Chandler, Gayle Heater, Greg & Sheila and Lance, The David Bullock Family, Sybil Miller, Darryl Guffey, Rebecca Carson, Charlie Glover, Terry Handegan, Maude Todd, Carrie Bolt, Grace Shirley, Gerry Smith, Dillon Lollis, Debi Culler, Elizabeth Martel, Neil Florio, Anne Lewis, Nancy Wilkinson, John Marshall, Kay Barrett,



Amy Hunter, Tommy Barker, Les Neville, Jim Cunningham, Jennifer Grannan. Gary Arney.

Homebound: Bill Clayton, Bobby Garrett, Golda Noblitt, Robert Arrowwood, and Frances Reid

Missionaries: Kat Laun

Active military service: John Holmes – Ft. Bliss; Alex Martin – Virginia; Amanda Chivers Nebraska; Chris Trumbower, Josh Trumbower – Ft. Hood; Derek McDonald, Jordon Cox – Kuwait; Travis Wilbanks – England; John Youngblood, Jr. – Alaska; Wayne Smith

Please leave a message in the offering plate for those that need to be *added* or *removed* from the prayer list.

Phone directories can be found on the credenza at the back of the church.

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**Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 21st, 2018**

**Rev. Gene Aiken, Pastor
Mrs. Lynn Martin, Lay Leader
Mr. Malek McDuffie, Choir Director
Mr. Jack Russell, Pianist**

*"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever."
Psalm 125:1*

Order of Worship

*The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

~ GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND ENTRY OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE....."Blessed Assurance".....Hymnal 369

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GATHERING SONG....." This is the Day".....Hymn 657

~WORD AND RESPONSE~

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 62:5-12Hymnal 787

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Apostle's Creed.....Hymnal 881
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....*Children May Come to the Altar*

LORD'S PRAYER.....Hymnal 895
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN....."O Come and Dwell in Me"Hymnal 388

~ THANKSGIVING ~

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SERMON READING.....Matthew 18:10-14.....NRSV 20

SERMON "God's Intentional Will"

~ SENDING ~

* CLOSING HYMN....."Lord, I want to Be a Christian"Hymnal 402
(All are invited to come forward for prayer and discipleship commitment.)

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD AND POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a **SPRC meeting** on Monday Jan 29, at 6:30p.m.

There will be a **Finance Committee meeting** on Monday January 22nd at 6:30pm here at the church.

There will be a **Trustee Meeting** Wednesday January 24th at 7:00pm here at the church.

Clemson Community Care has a shortage of the following food items: juice, powdered milk, 2 lb bags of flour, dried beans, tomato sauce and tomato paste. We appreciate all food donations and are grateful for your support.

Articles for the Newsletter, "The Grapevine" are due **January, 29th** Please email your articles to the Church at mtzion@nctv.com with newsletter in the subject line, or put in the newsletter mailbox in the church office.

A friendly reminder that slots are available for **altars flowers** for the rest of the 2018 year.