

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. The 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. 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 Terri Lee, The Family of Bill Clayton, The Family of Frances Snipes, Wayne Kristie, Greg & Sheila and Lance, 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: 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 – Arizona; John Youngblood, Jr. – Retired; 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 of Easter
April 15th, 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.....”Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”Hymnal 64

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GATHERING SONG.....“All The Way to Calvary”
All the way to Calvary, He went for me, All the way to Calvary, He went for me, He died to set me free, Although I had so many many sins, Jesus took them all away, And He pardoned me

~WORD AND RESPONSE~

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 4.....Hymnal 741

*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.....”All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”Hymnal 154

~ 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 3:1-12.....NRSV 3

SERMON “Becoming Less”

~ SENDING ~

* CLOSING HYMN.....”Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”Hymnal 203
(All are invited to come forward for prayer and discipleship commitment.)

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD AND POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us on April 20th 6-7:30 p.m. for a Father/Daughter Dance in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

A friendly reminder that slots are available for altars flowers for all of April and June.

Clemson Community Care has a shortage of many food items at the present time. We would greatly appreciate donations of the following food items: oatmeal, grits, jello, pork and beans, canned and instant potatoes, dry macaroni and spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce, crackers, canned and powdered milk, canned vegetables. Your generous donations will allow us to continue helping our neighbors provide food for their families.