

“TO BE AND TO MAKE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST”

ONE FAITH FAMILY.
TWO CAMPUSES.

Whether you worship at our
Downtown campus or our
Trinity campus, you can
find a place to belong at
Buncombe Street.

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

The Chapel
8:45 AM

Traditional Worship
11:00 AM

The Table
11:00 AM

200 Buncombe Street
Greenville, SC 29601
(864) 232-7341

TRINITY CAMPUS

Traditional Worship
11:00 AM

2703 Augusta Street
Greenville, SC 29605
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The Reverend Brian Gilmer
Senior Minister

The Reverend Dr. Justin Gilreath
Associate Minister

The Reverend Karen Jones
*Associate Minister of
Christian Education*

The Reverend Grover Putnam
Parish Minister

*Asterisks noted in the
Order of Worship indicates a
time to stand.
Please stand as you are able.*

*Assisted listening devices are
available at the Information
Desk for use during the services.
Two types are offered:
an ear bud or a neck loop.*



Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

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THE GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Vance Jenkins, *Director of Music*

THE VOLUNTARY

Choral Prelude on
“Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten”
(*Who only lets our dear God prevail*)

Bach

CENTERING WORDS

Christians around the world gather this day to share holy communion as one body - a body united in the love and mercy of Christ. We gather with them, rejoicing in our unity in Christ.

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION

UMH 428, CWM RHONDDA

For the Healing of the Nations

*For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that,
redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest
for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may be hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your
likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may
find, earth its destiny may find.*

*THE COLLECT

The Reverend Grover Putnam

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*THE PSALTER

Psalm 26

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of Thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

THE MUSICAL MEDITATION

If I Can Help Somebody
Myra Cordell, Soprano and Artist in Residence

Andruzzo

If I can help somebody as I pass along, If I can cheer somebody with a word or song, If I can show somebody He is trav'ling wrong, Then my living shall not be in vain. Then my living shall not be in vain. Then my living shall not be in vain. If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain. If I can do my duty as a Christian ought, If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought, If I can spread love's message that the Master taught, Then my living shall not be in vain. Then my living shall not be in vain. Then my living shall not be in vain. If I can help somebody as I pass along, Then my living shall not be in vain.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Putnam

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

One God
Myra Cordell, Soprano and Artist in Residence

Drake/Shirl

Millions of stars placed in the skies by one God. Millions of us lift up our eyes to one God. So many children calling to Him by many a different name. One Father loving each the same. Many the ways all of us pray to one God. Many the paths winding their way to one God. Brothers and sisters, there were no strangers after his work was done. For your God and my God are one. So many children calling out loud by many a different name. One Father bying each the same. Many the ways all of us pray to one God. Many the paths winding their way to one God. Brothers and sisters there were no strangers after the work was done. Now our God, yes your God, and my God are one.

***THE LESSON FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 17:2-23

Pew Bible NT 111

THE SERMON

"The Longest Table in the World"

The Reverend Brian Gilmer

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table 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 one another.

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(time of silent confession)*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you entered today, you were given individual elements for Holy Communion. Please remove the wafer first and then open the grape juice to receive Communion.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Gilmer

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations!

UMH 569, MESSAGE

*We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.*

*REFRAIN: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. REFRAIN.*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is Love, and show us that God is Love. REFRAIN.*

*We've a Savior to show to the nation, who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. REFRAIN.*

***THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Gilmer

***THE CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431, WORLD PEACE

(Sung by the Congregation)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***THE CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sinfonia from "Solomon"

Handel

We are grateful for the musical talents of our Myra Cordell, *Soprano and Artist in Residence*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Registration for the **2022 B-STREET WOMEN'S RETREAT** opens on October 10. Join us February 25-27, 2022, at Lake Junaluska and learn how 5 minutes can change your heart. This retreat with Brenda Blankenship will give you tools for a simple but profound way to hear God speaking. BSUMC's Emily Cupelli will lead worship. You can find more information about the retreat and both paper registration and online registration links by visiting the news section of our website.
- We are holding our first **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** worship service to acknowledge God and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. The service will be held on the front lawn of the Trinity campus on Sunday, October 10, at 4:00 PM. We invite you to bring your pet to be celebrated and blessed. Please visit our website for more information on this service.