

“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.*



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THE GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE VOLUNTARY

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing
in on Christmas Day!

Setting, Young

Vance Jenkins, *Director of Music & Organist*

CENTERING WORDS

Through the seasons of life, God walks with us - laughing with us at our follies and foibles, dancing with us in our triumphs, weeping with us in our losses, strengthening us in times of trial. As a new year dawns, know that you never walk alone. (from Ecclesiastes 3)

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION

UMH 251, GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain!

*THE COLLECT

The Reverend Grover Putnam

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

*THE PSALTER

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord, in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,

Who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise 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 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 OFFERTORY HYMN

When Christmas Morn Is Dawning

UMH 232, WIR HATTEN GEBAUET

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of Light, you gave yourself to this world by the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. We thankfully rejoice and praise you for your peace and light shared with all the world. Now, center us on the King of Glory during these prayerful moments of giving. We present these gifts as your humble and willing servants in the name of the One who comes to us anew, Jesus the Living Christ. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Meditation on "The Infant King"

Ratcliffe

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

UMH 95, OLD 100TH

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

The Work Of Christmas

Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins. To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the pris'ner, To rebuild the nations; To bring peace among brothers, To make music, make music, make music from the heart. When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins.

*THE LESSON FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Pew Bible NT 21-22

THE SERMON

Star Light, Star Bright

The Reverend Brian Gilmer

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 catholic¹ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹universal

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

He Is Born

UMH 228, IL EST NÉ

*THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Gilmer

*THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

Gloria In Excelsis Deo!

DEO GRACIAS

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Noel

Daquin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2022 is right around the corner, and so is the registration deadline for the **ANNUAL B-STREET WOMEN'S RETREAT**. Come with us to Lake Junaluska on February 25-27. We encourage **ALL** women to attend this impactful and amazing weekend, whether you have been before or not! The guest speaker is Brenda Blankenship, and our own Emily Cupelli will lead worship. Register by January 16, 2022. We have a digital registration on Realm and paper forms at either church office.
- The Way Forward Task Force has updated the "**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DOCUMENT**" regarding the Protocol and Affiliation Voting in relation to the General Conference 2022. You can view the questions and a printable version of this document by visiting the Way Forward Task Force webpage under our "About" tab on the menu.
- If you are **NEW TO BUNCOMBE STREET**, we would love a chance to connect with you. We have a gift for you at the Welcome Center after the service. You can also connect with us by filling out the connect cards in your pew and dropping it in the offering plate after the service.



As we offer our gifts to God, you may use the QR code to give online.