



# Greene Street United Methodist Church



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*The mission of Greene Street United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in the University community and beyond spreading the joy of Christianity and the love of Jesus by worship, example, study and fellowship for the transformation of the world.*

## Third Sunday of Advent

**December 17, 2017**

Prelude

Bell Tolls for Worship

Welcome

Dr. Robert H. Walker

Centering Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Billy and Julia Long

The prophet reminds us that we are to bear fruit worthy of repentance. The Messiah is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire and all flesh shall see his glory. We light the third Advent candle in preparation for the coming of God's Messiah. We prepare by repenting of our sins, and living lives devoted to loving God and serving our neighbor. Light the candle.

Come, Lord Jesus.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymns of Fellowship and Praise

"O Come O Come, Emmanuel" v.1,7

UMH 211

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

UMH 238

Congregational Prayer Chorus

***Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.***

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us Pray.

**People:** (lift up names to be prayed for)

Leader: Lord in your Mercy

**People: Hear our prayer**

Leader: (Offers pastoral prayer)

**People: Our Father which 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.**

**Serving God By Our Service, Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, And Our Witness.**

### OUR SERVICE

Ministers: All the Congregation  
Pastor: Dr. Robert Walker  
Secretary: Detra Pennington  
Director of Music: Almond Ponge  
Trustee: Henry Heise  
Greeter: Billy and Julia Long  
PPRC Rep: Elizabeth Turnipseed  
Reader: Kathryn Masewicz  
Nursery: Volunteer Needed

### OUR PRESENCE

**Attendance on 12/10/2017  
Worship.....23**

**OUR GIFTS  
From 12/10/2017  
Budget receipts last week  
\$ 1,227.00**

### BY OUR PRAYERS

Craig Norton	Mallory Lucas	Mac McLendon	Kim Gordon	Dylan Wood
Katie Rhodes	Flora Price	Benjamin Schooler	Sara Duncan	Bill Anderson
Marilyn Biernaski	Bradley Hughes	Lyndsey West	Kay Strickland	Percy McNeill
Christi S. Corley	Temmy McLendon	Mark Connell	Merita S. Koening	Bobby Price
Glenn Higgins	Daniel Briquet	Irina Briquet	Susie Funchess	Jane Anderson
Jill Slapnik	Kevin Rawlinson	Diane McDougall		

### The Nursing Home & Rehab & Hospital

Jerry Kittrell—Robin's Residential Care-1216 Hyatt Avenue, Cola., SC 29203  
John Hayes—NHC 7601 Parklane Road, Room 204, Cola., SC 29223

### OUR WITNESS

**This Week at Greene Street**

**Sunday, December 17, 2017  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am—Worship Service

10:00 am—Choir Practice

10:00 am—Sunday School

3:00 pm—Recital at Rice Music

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

6:30 am—Bible Study@ Lizard's on Forest Dr.

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

12:10-12:50 pm—Bible Study @ Main St. UMC

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

7:00 am—Bible Study @ Lizard's in Irmo

### OUR WITNESS

**Next Week at Greene Street**

**Sunday, December 24 2017  
4th Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am—Worship Service

10:00 am—Choir Practice

10:00 am—Sunday School

**Monday, December 25, 2017**

**Office Closed—Merry Christmas!**

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017**

6:30 am—Bible Study@ Lizard's on Forest Dr.

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017**

12:10-12:50 pm—Bible Study @ Main St. UMC

**Thursday, December 28, 2017**

7:00 am—Bible Study @ Lizard's in Irmo

### OFFICE INFORMATION

1106 Greene Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Office Hours—Tuesday-Thursday 7am-12pm  
Closed on Fridays

Pastor's Cell 719-0868  
Church 799-6268  
Messages Checked Daily



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## Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Hymn of Illumination                      “Sanctuary”                      TFWS 2164  
*Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you.*

New Testament Lesson                      I Thessalonians 5:16-24                      Kathryn Masewicz  
Reader: This is the word of God for the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Preparation                      “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”                      UMH 216

\*Gospel Lesson                      John 1:6-8; 19-28                      Dr. Robert Walker

Choir Anthem                      Chancel Choir

Morning Message                      “Getting Ready for Christmas”                      Dr. Robert Walker  
Isaiah 61:1-4

Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostles' Creed                      No. 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.*

\*Hymn of Dedication                      “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”                      UMH 218

Offering God Our Tithes, Our Service, and Our Gifts

\*The Doxology                      No. 94  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ Whose Power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Opportunities and Announcements

\*Musical Benediction:                      “Love Came Down at Christmas”                      UMH 242

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*You are invited to stand if you are able.

The altar is always available for you to come and to spend some time in prayer with God during the closing song.

Dr. Walker leads a Bible study Every Wednesday from 12:10 to 12:50 pm at the Main St UMC in the fellowship hall. All are invited to bring a lunch and learn the background and theological implications of each of the four lectionary texts that will be the focus of worship on the following Sunday. People from all churches and faiths are welcome.



December 19—Courtney Walker  
December 20—David Baker

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### TODAY

Huiyun Liang and Miguel Hajar will be having their recital at Rice Music on Sunday, December 17th at 3pm. All our welcome!

### New Office Hours

Starting January 2nd the new office hours will be....  
Tuesday and Thursday  
7:00 am—12:00 pm.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a first time visitor please see one of our greeters or ushers to receive a gift from us. Also, please fill out a visitors form located in the back of the pew.

*Welcome*

### Popcorn Giveaway!

We will doing a Popcorn Giveaway 1/6/18 for the USC Basketball game with Vanderbilt. If you are interested in participating please contact Michael Slapnik at 358-9153.

*Weather Permitting*

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
GAMECOCKS**

### Upcoming Events.....

3rd Sunday of Advent 12/17/17  
4th Sunday of Advent 12/24/17  
Popcorn Giveaway 1/6/18

**current  
events**

The new church directories are out and located on the narthex table.

*You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving.*