



# 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.*

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 24, 2017**

Prelude

Bell Tolls for Worship

Welcome

Dr. Robert H. Walker

Centering Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ginny and Hunter Herring

Good news, God is filling the hungry with good things! Good news, God is lifting up the lowly! Good news, God is about to do his mightiest work! He will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth from all nations. We light the fourth Advent candle remembering that God's Promised One comes to comfort all who are afflicted and to afflict all who might be too comfortable. *Light the candle.* Come, Lord Jesus. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymns of Fellowship and Praise "Once in Royal David's City" v.1,4 UMH 250  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

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: Sheila McCormick  
PPRC Rep: Elizabeth Turnipseed  
Reader: Ginny Herring  
Nursery: Stephanie Crowe

#### OUR PRESENCE

**Attendance on 12/17/2017  
Worship.....28**

**OUR GIFTS  
From 12/17/2017  
Budget receipts last week  
\$ 1,198.00**

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

9:00 am—Worship Service  
10:00 am—Choir Practice  
10:00 am—Sunday School

5:00 pm—Candle Light Service at Main St. UMC

**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

#### OUR WITNESS

**Next Week at Greene Street**

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

9:00 am—Worship Service  
10:00 am—Choir Practice  
10:00 am—Sunday School

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

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

**Thursday, January 4, 2018**

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

**Saturday, January 6, 2018**

Popcorn Giveaway "weather permitting"

#### 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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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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                      Romans 16:25-27                      Ginny Herring  
Reader: This is the word of God for the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Preparation                      “Silent Night, Holy Night”                      UMH 239

\*Old Testament Lesson                      2 Samuel 7:1-11                      Ginny Herring

Choir Anthem                      Chancel Choir

Morning Message                      “The First Christmas Carol”                      Dr. Robert Walker  
Luke 1:46b-55

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                      “O Come, All Ye Faithful” v. 1,3,4,6                      UMH 234

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.



Thank you for worshipping 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*



December 27—Lily Crowe  
December 27—Addison Eller  
December 29—Wade Wiles, III  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at Main Street United Methodist Church at 5:00 pm

Congratulations to Les Blackwell and Denise Williams who were married on Thursday, December 21st here at Greene Street UMC by Pastor David Anderson. Les is the nephew of Billy and Julia Long.



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

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

*Worry is the dark room in which negatives are developed.*