



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



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WELCOMING

Sunday, December 28, 2014
Services at 8:30/11:00am
www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

1st Sunday after Christmas

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"What glorifies God is good for people, and what is good for people glorifies God."

-Charles Talbert on the angelic choir-

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME

William Rowland

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Kit Adkins : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Hebrews 1:1-3

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord!

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"In many and various ways

God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets;

but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,

whom he appointed the heir of all things,

through whom also he created the world.

He reflects the glory of God

and bears the very stamp of his nature,

upholding the universe by his word of power."

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 218**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Crucifer: Hampton Warner, Acolytes: Jarratt Smith, William Rowland

***COMMON PRAYER**

Basked On Luke 2:1-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
how wise are you ways
and how clever your means of coming among us.
It was not announced the rulers of the world
but to a band of shepherds on a Bethlehem hillside.
Caesar set the peoples of the Empire moving,
and you used it to have Jesus born in King David's village.
Yours is the hidden hand that preserves the world,
the mighty hand this is bending all events toward your kingdom.
As we live in the afterglow of another Christmas come and gone,
may the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit,
light a candle in our hearts that never goes out.
Encourage us always, O Lord, for we are a needy people,
and there are so many distractions to claim our hearts and loyalties.
We thank you for the year that is nearly past,
and we are counting on you leadership and power in the year ahead.
Amen. (Silence is kept for personal prayer.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 230**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Stanza 4 Only

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *The Lord has bared his holy arm*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 52:7-15

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kathy Kelly

ANTHEM

The Wexford Carol (Mark Hayes)

Josh Harrington: Piano

SERMON LESSON

The Birth of Jesus Revisited
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 2:1-21

SERMON

What Does Not Change

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 246**

Joy to the World

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Arioso (G.F. Handel)

Josh Harrington: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, Chorus of No. 238**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

***CONFESSING THE FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal: 881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 249**

There's a Song in the Air

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

A TIME TO GREET VISITORS AND FRIENDS

**The chancel flowers are given in honor of Sterling House residents,
Carolyn Murph and Gladys Lawson and in memory of Joan Holy
by Matthew Johnson, sales manager at Sterling House.**

We will meet for a New Year's Prayer Meeting, this Thursday in the Chapel at 6:30pm

The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day

The Chapel is open for prayer before and after the worship service.