



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Services at 8:30/11:00am

www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

Our Hanging Of The Greens Service is tonight at 6:30pm.

Come and bring a friend to launch the season.

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

1st Sunday in Advent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Advent is a four Sunday countdown to Christmas. Be prepared for Christ’s arrival!”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming
TRINITY CHIME Claire Leuthner Barrineau

PRELUDE Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Kit Adkins : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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.**

Paul wrote to the believers in Corinth,
“When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God
in lofty words or wisdom.

**For I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling;
and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom,
**but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men
but in the power of God.”**

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 213** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*
(Crucifer: Cecilia McGinnis, Acolytes: Libby Hartung, Ella Bassett)

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you are full of mercy and patience and justice and truth,
and at all times you are speaking and making your ways known.
But we have amnesia and have forgotten your holiness.
We have vainly imagined in our pride
that we are insulated from your judgments,
and we have followed too much the trivial ways of our world.
Unless you awaken and restore us, we will fade away like a mist.
We remember times when Jesus Christ seemed near and dear
and when the winds of your Spirit were felt among your people,
when love was all around and we were happy with goodness.
Give your preachers and prophets courage to speak the truth.
Deliver them from the sins and pressures of being easy and smooth.
Break their hearts,
and then break ours that we may weep before you.
Open the heavens, O Lord,
and may your Holy Spirit now illumine us as we wait before you.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for prayer and confession. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH Phil and Heidi Saunders

Let us pray:

**Faithful God, out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope,
that we may be alert to the arrival of Christ's advent among us.
God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.**

Song

A Candle is Burning

To the tune of *Away in a Manger*

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright
a candle of hope in a dark winter night.
While angels sing blessing from heav'ns starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kathy Kelly: Program Director

ANTHEM

A Place to Keep Your Son (Matthew Corl)

Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

SERMON LESSON

Nineveh Awakens And Is Overturned

Jonah 3:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

How To Spot A Revival

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Is the Lord calling me to a serious season of self-examination and repentance?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***INVITATION HYMN, No. 337**

Only Trust Him

Seeking Personal Revival

Come forward to pray and receive a piece of chalk and a *Draw a Circle* guide.

6 Topics for Personal Revival : Humility, Honesty, Repentance, Forgiveness, Scripture, Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Josh Harrington: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

***CONFESSING THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH**

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cullen "Sonny" Hines for his birthday on November 28 by his wife, Norma.

You are invited to join us in the Chapel on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm for prayer.

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

**Our third Solemn Assembly to pray for the church and nation is next Sunday at 6:00pm
Sunday, December 7**

"God's Annoying Mercy"

Jonah 4:1-11