



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Services at 8:30/11:00am

www.msunc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

**Our third Solemn Assembly to pray for the U.M. Church and the nation
is tonight from 6:00-6:45pm in the sanctuary.**

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

2nd Sunday in Advent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“God’s grace is meant to make us gracious, God’s mercy to make us merciful.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming
TRINITY CHIME Lucas Bassett

PRELUDE Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Exodus 34:6-8

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.**

“The LORD passed before Moses , and proclaimed,
‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious,
**slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,**

keeping steadfast love for thousands,
**forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
but who will by no means clear the guilty,**

visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children.
and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.’

**And Moses made haste
to bow his head toward the earth, and worshiped.”**

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 203** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
(Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: Ann Baker, Claire Leather-Barrineau)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Jonah 4:1-11

Christ our Lord invites to his table	It's the Lord's table!
all who love him,	Do you?
who earnestly repent of their sin	Are you?
and seek to live in peace with one another.	Will you?
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.	Honesty!

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you called your people Israel to be a light to the nations,
and in Jesus you have given the light a face and a name.
In him you have come to reclaim and heal the whole of life.
But we have tried to shrink this great faith down to size,
and to turn you into the protector of our tribe and clan and nation.
We thank you for things local and familiar that make us feel at home.
We also ask you to stretch our hearts in love beyond our borders,
that we may see ourselves as your ambassadors
and all others, even those who oppose us, through the eyes of your Son.
We turn to you now for fresh grace and renewed forgiveness,
and may we never forget the price you paid to bring us home.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we may welcome all your gifts.
Amen. (Silence is kept for 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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

(Brandon & Tara Smith, their sons Jarratt, Witt, & Ben-Jo)

Let us pray:

God of hope, Prince of Peace,
you speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child.
Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers
that we may be called children of God.
God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.

Song *A Candle is Burning* To the tune of *Away in a Manger*
**A candle is burning, a candle of peace
a candle to signal that conflict must cease,
for Jesus is coming to show us the way.
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

WHAT THE U.M. CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES Scripture Sheet
CHILDREN'S TIME Mary Lynn Polk

SERMON LESSON *God Debriefs the Prophet Jonah* Jonah 4:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *God's Annoying Mercy* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
Am I in danger of holding a faith that doesn't change the way I see people?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 121** *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *English Advent Carol (P. Liebergen)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING WITH SUNG LORD'S PRAYER** Setting B: 18-20

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 211** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666** *Shalom to You*

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Richard "Dick" Klauber and Ruth Medley by their families.

**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.**

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Sunday, December 14 "To A Maid Engaged To Joseph" Luke 1:26-38**