



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**Sunday, January 11, 2015**  
**Services at 8:30/11:00am**  
**[www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org) and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon**

**Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"**

# THE SUNDAY SERVICE

**11:00am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

**Color: White**

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

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**"Facing temptation and spiritual warfare is woven into a life of following Jesus."**

## ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Schuyler McGinnis

**PRELUDE**

*I Love You, Lord (Mark Hayes)*

Josh Harrington: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, 1 Peter 5:6-9

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 Apostle Peter instructed the church,

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,  
that in due time he may exalt you.

**Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares for you.**

Be sober, be watchful.

**Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,  
seeking someone to devour.**

Resist him, firm in your faith,

**knowing that the same experience of suffering  
is required of your brothers and sisters throughout the world."**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 110**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Ann Baker, Clair Leather-Barrineau

## \*COMMON PRAYER

Based on Mt. 4:1-11

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our holy and heavenly Father,  
you know the pain and misery of our world,  
and you have come to us in Jesus Christ to show us a new world.  
We thank you that our champion was pure and strong and good.  
He was obedient to you at every point of testing,  
and he relied on your Word and Holy Spirit to carry him through.  
Your Son refused the easy way and took the hard way for our sake.  
For a Savior who defeats our greatest foes,  
who forgives sins, who heals disease,  
who defeats death, and who will not be bullied by evil, we are grateful.  
Open our eyes to the battles that rage around us.  
and may your Holy Spirit keep us alert us to the deceptions of temptation.  
Who has a God so great as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ?  
Cover us with your protection, and may your holy angels surround us.  
What a privilege to gather in your name and wait upon your presence.  
Amen. (Wait before the Lord in silence.)**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**      *Glory Be to the Father*

**WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS**

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Phil Saunders: Youth Minister

## PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** *The Blessings of Obeying the Law* Deuteronomy 6:1-25

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

(Kathy Bailey: Lay Reader)

**+PSALM 91**

*A Song of God's Protection*

*Hymnal: 810-811*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Phil Saunders

**ANTHEM**                      *Seek Ye First (Karen Lafferty)*                      Chancel Choir  
Josh Harrington: Organist and Interim Director

**SERMON LESSON**                      *Three Rounds With The Devil*                      Matthew 4:1-11  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**                      *The Testing of God's Son*                      Phil Thraikill: Pastor  
**Am I willing to learn the arts and disciplines of spiritual warfare?**  
**Do I fulfill my baptismal promise to resist evil in all its forms?**

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**CHARLES WESLEY HYMN No. 513**                      *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*  
(The altar is open for prayer during this hymn for those who desire strength.)

### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**                      *Prayer from Otello Verdi*                      Josh Harrington: Organist

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

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER: Steve Driskill**                      *Hymnal: 34, 38*

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 514**                      *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**                      Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

**\*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**                      Josh Harrington: Organist

**THE PASTORAL BLESSING OF A PREGNANCY**                      Steve and Cindee Stewart

Join us for prayer from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel on Thursdays.

Sunday, January 18                      *What the Kingdom Looks Like*                      Matthew 4:12-25  
We commission our Honduras medical team next Sunday!