



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



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WELCOMING

**December 13, 2015**  
**Services at 8:30/11:00 am**  
**[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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

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**“Jesus the Son comes to us in flesh  
from inside the life of the One and Triune God.”**

### ENTRANCE

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

**PRELUDE** *Come and Worship* Duet: Phil and Heidi Saunders

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 43:3-5

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

“O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.  
**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God. Amen.:**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 166** *All Praise to Thee*  
Crucifer: Layton Logan, Acolytes: Tucker Meredith, William Rowland  
Banner Bearer: Jay Logan

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based On Hebrews 1:1-2:9

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
how great is your delight in all the depths and beauty of creation.  
Layer by layer you brought it into being by a spoken word:  
galaxies and suns, planets and plants, people and all the host of angels.  
You made it all through Christ and in the creative power of your Spirit.  
But we have spoiled it and damaged ourselves in the great rebellion.  
Your image in us has been defaced,  
and we have forgotten that you know our every thought and deed.  
We thank you for the great rescue mission you began in Christ Jesus:  
how he came down,  
displayed your kingdom,  
died a cruel death for our benefit,  
and was fully restored in a great resurrection from the dead.  
Look kindly upon us, O Lord, for we are the fruit of your Son's holy work.  
Put away our sins by your forgiveness,  
and grant us courage in these troubled days.  
Teach us how to live under the rule and guidance of our blessed Savior,  
till that day when all his enemies are subdued  
and we see you face to face at the borders of the new world.  
**Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 204**

*Emmanuel*

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

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**LIGHTING THE FIRST THREE CANDLES**

The Rowland Family

Lighting the three candles

Lesson *When the Lord Becomes King*

Isaiah 35:5-10

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

Prayer

Hymn No. 211

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Stanza 3 Only

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Lynn Polk

## ANTHEM

*The Shepherd's Lamb (Forrest)*  
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

Chancel Choir

## SERMON LESSON

*Jesus Greater Than The Angels*  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Hebrews 1:1-2:9

## SERMON

*What About All The Angels?*  
(Third in an Advent Series on unlikely Christmas texts.)

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

## RESPONSES TO THE WORD

### SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

Lord Jesus, I surrender my whole life to you. Come and dwell in me. Amen.

### \*HYMN, No. 218

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

(The altar is open for prayer during this hymn and the offering.)

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Hayes)* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

**\*CONFESSING THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal: 881

## SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN No 240

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672** *God Be With You....*

Chancel Choir

### \*POSTLUDE

*Hyfrydol (Vaughn-Williams)*

Emily Wallace: Organist

Please join us for prayer in the chapel on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00 pm.  
Sermon manuscripts are available on stand up front after the service.

You are invited to pray for Josie Adams and Winston Shirley  
who were married here at Main Street yesterday afternoon at 3:00 pm.