



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

Sunday, March 15, 2015
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

4th Sunday In Lent

Color: Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"Each follower of Jesus is called to nurture a *secret* relationship with God."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Lucas Bassett

PRELUDE *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (Lau)* Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Ann West : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 139:1-6 (NRSV)

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 psalmist exults in the details of God's complete knowledge:

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high, I cannot attain it."

***HYMN, No. 295** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* A Hymn On Christ's Passion

(Crucifer: Cecilia McGinnis, Acolytes: Libby Hartung, Ella Bassett)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Mt. 6:1-18

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
there is nothing we can do to earn your grace,
but much that we can do to actively receive it in faith.
For all the ways you make yourself available, we give you thanks.
For worship each Lord's Day,
for the public reading and preaching of Sacred Scripture,
for the holy sacraments and the strength of fellowship,
for common prayer and private devotions,
for opportunities to bless the poor through secret charity,
and for the discipline to humble our souls through fasting,
we give you thanks.
Forgive us for neglecting the divine medicines you have given
to bring health to soul and body
and to make us strong in the battles against sin and evil.
Visit us now with the light and power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may be cured of the diseases of sloth and neglect of duty.
Give us eager hearts to pursue our great Savior, Jesus Christ,
and to walk in the way that leads to life, now and in the age to come.
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

ON THE WITNESS STAND *Seek God For The City* Kathy Kelly: Prayer Team
(Copies of the Lenten prayer guide are available on the altar after the service.)

THE RECOGNITION OF AND PRAYER FOR LEADERS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Fasting and Compassion

Isaiah 58:1-14

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

Patricia Lindell: Lay Reader

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Pinckney

ANTHEM

Mercy Still (Sorenson)
Susan Hamilton: Guest Director

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

Pursuing God In Secret

Matthew 6:1-4, 16-18

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SERMON

Who's Your Audience?

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

Do I practice a life of secret devotion to the God before whom I stand?

Have I taken time to study and learn the basic spiritual disciplines?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

(The altar is open for prayer now and during the following hymn.)

***HYMN No. 395** *Take Time to Be Holy* On Sanctifying and Perfecting Grace

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Steps to Calvary (Lau)

Josh Harrington: Organist

*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

*CONFESSING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal: 881

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 468

Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

*SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666

Shalom to You

*POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR

Josh Harrington: Organist

The flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Stanley Baker, III by his family.

The rosebud is in honor of the birth of Molly Elizabeth Austin,
daughter of Justin and Lauren Connell Austin, born February 12, 2015.

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

The Lenten Pilgrimage is Wednesday, March 18 at First Presbyterian Church

(Lunch is at 12 noon or 1:00 pm. Worship at 12:35 pm)

Sunday, March 22

The Lord's School of Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15