



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

November 22, 2015
Services at 8:30/11:00 am
www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

Christ the King/ Bible Sunday

White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

“To come under Jesus’ personal rule is to find a good, strong, and wise king.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Hannah Crooks

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God (arr. Held)* Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Ann West : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 28:16-20

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.

What is the Great Commandment?

To love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul,

all our mind, and all our strength,

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

And what is the Great Commission?

That we, the church,

are to go among all the peoples of the world and make disciples,

welcoming them into the body of Christ through baptism,

teaching them to do all that Jesus commanded us,

knowing that the risen Lord is with us until the end of time.

And what is the mission of this church?

We are following Christ from the city-center of Greenwood.

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 694** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

(Crucifer: Bob Bennett, Acolytes: Libby Hartung, Hannah Crooks)

***THE READING OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S 1863 THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION**

***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 rule over the nations and all the peoples,
and you are moving history towards the vindication of Jesus Christ.
We thank you for the churches that dot the landscape
and for the freedom we have to preach and worship without fear.
But we have been neither the disciples or citizens you call us to be.
The voice of our witness has not been heard in the public square.
We have forgotten your judgements and embraced moral compromise.
Our light is dimmed, and we and the nation are poorer for it.
Have mercy upon us. Forgive and restore us.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, kindle in us a holy flame of love
and a keen desire to see people join us in following our blessed Savior.
And may the freedoms we enjoy and the faith we confess
be preserved for future generations because we were faithful in our day.
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

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Since Last Year

Tim Thomas: The Gideons

THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3rd GRADERS

Hannah Crooks, Tucker Meredith, Morgana McKee, Richie Pinckney

**Response: "We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, our minds.
Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together."**

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Susan Pinckney

ANTHEM *Come Harvest Time (Alexander)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Pianist

SERMON LESSON *Constricted Compassion* Matthew 12:1-21
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Jesus And The Hardheads* Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
What is it about religion that can make our hearts small and hard?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

***HYMN, No. 262** *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Joy Song (Hayes)* Emily Wallace: Pianist

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

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II *Hymnal: 39*

To be baptized: Tracee Marietta Stewart, born Aug. 14, 2015,
daughter of Steve and Cindee Stewart.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 664** *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672** *God Be With You....* Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *March Triomphale (Karg-Elert)* Emily Wallace: Organist

The Harvest arrangement is given to the glory of God by Dennis Moore with joy for 25 years of service. It is also in honor of his parents Bennie and Wygenia and in honor of our new dynamic music team, John McFadden and Emily Wallace.

Please join us for prayer in the chapel on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm

Sermon manuscripts are available each Sunday up front on the left stand.