



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

December 27, 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

1st Sunday After Christmas

White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

“Jesus is God’s warning that a new form of government is already on the way, not a democracy, but a theocracy! God’s forever kingdom.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Rebekah Lomax

PRELUDE *We Three Kings, of Orient Are (Arr. Wallace)* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Acclamation, Hebrews 1:1-3

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

“In many and various ways

God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets;

but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,

whom he appointed the heir of all things,

through whom also he created the world.

He reflects the glory of God

and bears the very stamp of his nature,

upholding the universe by his word of power.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, NO. 218** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Crucifer: Jay Logan, Acolyte: Jarratt Smith

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Matthew 2:1-12, 13-23

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

As a newborn you came, Lord Jesus, wrinkled and red,
drawing a first breath and needing to be nursed.
At your birth a new star rose
and to your cradle came mysterious seekers from the East.
You were the fulfillment of ancient hopes,
and the evil ones hated you and sought your life.
By the influence of your magnetic grace,
create in us the same adventuresome faith as the wise men,
that we may follow the clues you leave in every life and heart
and find ourselves fulfilled in offering the worship that is due you,
for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (All pray in silence.)

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

Emmanuel

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

FIRST LESSON

Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come

Isaiah 60:1-7

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

(John Bassett: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 72:1-17 (Response No. 1)**

Hymnal: 795-796

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

ANTHEM

Carols of the Night (arr. Courtney)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON

Two Responses To Jesus' Birth

Matthew 2:1-12, 13-23

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

SERMON

The Seekers And The Slayers

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD, A PRAYER OF SURRENDER

"Lord Jesus, draw me to yourself that I may say the Yes of faith
and not be found among those who oppose you and are lost. Amen."

***HYMN, No. 254**

We Three Kings

(The altar rail is open for prayer during this hymn.)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Emily Wallace: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***THE COVENANT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM II**

Hymnal: 39-43

To be baptized: Chandler Reed Murphy (b. 6/24/15)

Son of Ryan and Melissa Murphy, grandson of Joe and Vickie Chandler

(After the baptism, sing No. 191, "Jesus Loves Me.")

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 251**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

Christ be with me,

CHRIST WITHIN ME.

Christ behind me,

CHRIST BEFORE ME,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

CHRIST TO COMFORT AND RESTORE ME.

Christ beneath me,

CHRIST ABOVE ME,

Christ in quiet,

CHRIST IN DANGER,

Christ in hearts of all who love me,

CHRIST IN MOUTH OF FRIEND AND STRANGER

***CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672**

God Be With You....

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata on Antioch (arr. Phillips)

Emily Wallace: Organist

The flowers are given to the glory of God at the baptism of Chandler Reed Murphy.

Our Thursday evening prayer meetings reconvene on Jan. 7 from 6:30-7:00pm

Sermon manuscripts are available on stand up front after the service

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016

The Power To Turn Enemies To Friends

Acts 9:1-31

(First in a new series on the Apostle Paul and the Book of Romans.)