



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

November 29, 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 of Advent

Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“Advent is a four Sunday countdown to Christmas.
Be prepared for Christ’s arrival!”**

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Schuyler McGinnis

PRELUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Romans 13:11-12

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

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

“Beside this you know what hour it is,
how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep.

**For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed;
the night is far gone, the day is at hand.**

Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;
let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day,
not in reveling and drunkenness,
not in debauchery and immorality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

**But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for your fallen nature.”**

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 213**

Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates

Crucifer: Cecilia McGinnis, Acolytes: Richie Pinckney, Andrew Driver

Joe Hartung: Banner Bearer

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Galatians 4:1-11
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our holy, heavenly Father,
you dwell in the blessedness of life and love and light.
You see the depths of our fall into sin and evil, blindness and death.
We speak nobly of freedom, but we are in bondage still.
We know the right and do not do it to our shame.
We know the wrong and embrace it to the hurt of all around us.
We are orphans living far from home, and we cannot find our way back.
But you, in your great mercy, have come among us in Jesus,
who brings us back into your household as sons and daughters.
who frees us from the deceits of the Evil One and all his cruel powers.
who puts his Spirit within us that we may speak to you from the heart.
How great are our failings,
and how much greater is the salvation our Savior brings at the right time!
Set us free, O Lord, with the mighty sacrifice of our dear brother Jesus,
then help us to live nobly and well as your free and blessed children.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)

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

***BLESSING THE CHRISMON TREE AND ADVENT WREATH**

After each petition: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE

Ronney & Joan Smith and family

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:2-3

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

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Hymn No. 211

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Stanza 1 Only

CHILDREN'S TIME

Phil Saunders

ANTHEM

Messiah Comes, Emmanuel (Martin)
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

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

Galatians 4:1-11

SERMON

Must-A-Been The Right Time
(First in an Advent Series on unlikely Christmas texts.)

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

Am I free in Christ?
Am I living like a child of God in the strength of the Spirit?

***HYMN, No. 206** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Wake, Awake (J.S. Bach)* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

***CONFESSING THE FAITH, No. 880** *The Nicene Creed*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 196** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

***POSTLUDE** *People Look East (arr. Wold)* Emily Wallace: Organist

The poinsettias are given to God's glory and in loving memory of Sonny Hines on his birthday November 29 by the Harmon family.

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.