



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**December 6, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“When God the Son assumed humanity,  
the whole human family was chosen.”**

### ENTRANCE

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE** Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming  
**TRINITY CHIME** Hannah Crooks

**PRELUDE** *Savior of the Nations, Come (Bach)* Emily Wallace: Organist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Isaiah 9:6-7

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

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

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government will be upon his shoulder,  
**and his name will be called ‘Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.’**”

Of the increase of his government  
and of peace there will be no end,  
upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it,  
and to uphold it,  
**with justice and righteousness from this time forth and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 203** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Madalin Radcliffe, Ella Bassett,  
Banner Bearer: Schuyler McGinnis

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Philippians 2:1-18  
Christ our Lord invites to his table  
all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

It's the Lord's table!  
Do you?  
Are you?  
Will you?  
Honesty!

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you are the center and source of all that is, seen and unseen,  
and we are each the center of our little world.  
How sensitive we are to slights and indignities,  
how quick to anger and claim our rights,  
how slow to listen and to pray and to guard the unity of your church.  
In your great mercy, forgive us once again.  
Wipe away the habits that keep us blind and small and narrow.  
Interrupt us with the cries of the needy and the call of the lonely,  
that we may find ourselves in the presence of the lowly Jesus,  
who left the privileges of glory to live among the likes of us.  
May your Holy Spirit remove our hearts of stone  
and give us hearts of flesh,  
that we may gladly serve wherever you place us.  
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession of sin. Pardon is announced.)

**\*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

Jeff and Lisa Smith

Lesson

*The Preaching of John the Baptist*

Mark 1:1-8

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

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.  
May the Word sent from God through the prophets  
lead us to the way of salvation. **O come, O come, Emmanuel!**

Hymn No. 211

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Stanza 2 Only

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Myra Greene

**ANTHEM**

*Waiting for Bethlehem's Light (Peterson)*

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

**SERMON LESSON**

*The Journey Of The Son*

Philippians 2:1-18

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

**SERMON**

*Downwardly Mobile By Choice*

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

(Second in an Advent Series on unlikely Christmas texts.)

**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. 168**

*At the Name of Jesus*

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*What Child Is This (Guaraldi)*

Emily Wallace: Organist

**\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

Musical Setting B: 18-20

(The Great Thanksgiving covers the same Trinitarian story as the Great Creeds!)

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave

**SENDING FORTH**

**ANTHEM**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Myra Greene: Solo

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672**

*God Be With You....*

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Savior of the Nations Come (Distler)*

Emily Wallace: Organist

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS AT THE ALTAR**

**HOLY COMMUNION IS TAKEN TO THE HOMEBOUND AFTER THE SERVICE**

The flowers are given by Jane and Terry Marshall in loving gratitude to honor the service and memory of our loved ones and the men and women of the Greatest Generation

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