

February 14, 2016
Services at 8:30/11:00 am
www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

11:00am

THE SUNDAY SERVICE Boy Scout Sunday/ Marriage Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent

Purple

*Stand as able A nursery is provided. Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"The covenant of marriage was established by God, who created us male and female for each other...."
-A Service of Christian Marriage, The U.M. Hymnal: 864-

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming Richie Pinckney *BOY SCOUT PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PRELUDE Wayfaring Stranger(arr. Hayes) Emily Wallace: Pianist

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

*GREETING Trinitarian Greeting, 4 Exhortations From Hebrews 13:1-4
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.

"Let brotherly love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill treated, since you are also in the body.

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous.

Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never fail you no forsake you.'"

*PROCESSION HYMN, No.138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Crucifer: Bennett Charles, Acolytes: Vivi Joy Pinckney, Jarratt Smith)

*COMMON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION

Based on Mark 10:1-12

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

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, you made us male and female, stamped us with your image as equals, and gave us the command to be fruitful and multiply. It is because of the effects of sin and evil, of ignorance and cruelty, that our relationships are less than you designed. So may the healing power of Jesus Christ touch our closest bonds. We thank you for the gifts of romantic love and marriage, and all its possibilities for pleasure and loyalty, affection and fidelity. And in a world where so many hopes and dreams are unfulfilled, and where there is such confusion about your design for families, grant us patience and kindness towards one another in our struggles. Illumine both us and the Scriptures today by your Holy Spirit.

Amen. (Silence is kept listening prayer.)

*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70 Glory

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND

Troop 911 Report

Chip Stockman, Scout Master

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON God the Matchmaker Genesis 2:10-25
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
(Layton Logan: Scout, Lay Reader)

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

(Jack Wiseman: Scout, Lay Reader)

ANTHEM God So Love the World (J. Carter) Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON Jesus' Defense of Marriage Mark 10:1-12

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

SERMON Lifting Up The Jewel Before A Jaded World Phil Thrailkill: Pastor Is the church the chief custodian and promoter of the gift of marriage?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD

*HYMN No. 695 O Lord, May Church and Home Combine

*THE PUBLIC RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS Back of Scripture Sheet

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY The Gift of Love Emily Wallace: Organist

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

*THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

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

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

*POSTLUDE Preludium and Fugue in D Minor (Bach) Emily Wallace: Organist

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Dale and Emily Wallace in celebration of their marriage on February 14, 1992.

Please join us for prayer Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:00 pm in the Chapel. Sermon manuscripts are available on the stand up front after the service.

Lenten luncheon, Wed. Feb.17: 12:00 meal, 12:30 worship, 1:00 meal (Resurrection Episcopal Church)