



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**  
**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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“At Main Street UMC we believe God embraced all humanity  
in the warm flesh of Jesus.”**

### ENTRANCE

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

(Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Joey Burns: Sound Operator)

**PRELUDE** “*What Child is This*”

Rhonda McGinnis: Celtic Flute, Emily Wallace: Piano

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

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

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.**

The prophet Isaiah wrote of the coming Messiah,

“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. 234** O Come, All Ye Faithful Stanzas 1-5 Only  
(Crucifer: Lucas Bassett, Acolyte: Morgana McKee, Banner: Bennett Charles)

**\*COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Luke 1:26-38

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

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
grant us wisdom to see the difference  
between the trappings and the truth of Christmas.  
Stop us in our tracks to ponder what it means  
that God the Son assumed our flesh in Jesus  
with the aid of your Spirit and his blessed mother Mary.  
You have built a bridge over which all may walk into your kingdom.  
And that bridge is our great Lord Jesus Christ,  
son of David, ruler of all, truly God and fully human, a perfect life  
and a full and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.  
To him we gladly offer our praise, our loyalty, and our lives.  
Amen. (Silence is kept for prayer.)**

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

*Glory Be to the Father*

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

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE**

Barbara and Michael Fisher

Invitation and Lighting the Fourth Candle  
A Lesson from Zephaniah and Prayer

**God of hope, God of peace,  
God of joy, and God of love,  
teach us how to love one another  
as reflections of your light in the world.  
God of promise, God of love,  
into our darkness come. Amen.**

Song *A Candle is Burning* To the tune of *Away in a Manger*

**A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,  
A candle to point us to heaven above  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lisa Smith: Children's Director

**ANTHEM***The Shepherd's Lamb (Forrest)*

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

**U.M. TEACHING ON THE INCARNATION***U.M. Book of Discipline 2012: 64***Article II: Of the Word, or Son of God, Who Was Made Very Man**

“The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ, very God and very Man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.”

**SERMON LESSON***The Announcement to Mary*

Luke 1:26-38

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!****SERMON***A One of Kind Call*

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

What would it mean for me to say, “Let it be to me according to your word.”

**RESPONSES TO THE WORD****SILENCE WITH THE WORD AND SPIRIT OF GOD****\*HYMN, No. 272***Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly***\*CONFESSING THE FAITH, No. 880:***The Nicene Creed (AD 381)***GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY***“What is this Goodly Fragrance” (arr. Manz)***\*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***\*PRAYER OF THANKS, LORD'S PRAYER****SENDING FORTH****\*HYMN, No. 230***O Little Town of Bethlehem***\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE***Toccata (Pachelbel)*

Emily Wallace: Organ

Join us for a half hour of prayer on Thursday evening from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.

(The church office may be reached at 864-229-7551)

**Our Christmas Eve Outreach Service is Saturday, Dec. 24 at 1:00 pm.****Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is Saturday, December 24, at 5:00pm.**