



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:30am

www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

A WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30am

The Nativity of the Lord

Color: White

*Stand as able

Welcome to Main Street UMC

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

**“If you want to know who God is,
study the life of Jesus Christ!”**

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as You Enter. Assume Silence at the Chiming.

TRINITY CHIME

Ella Bassett

PRELUDE

Carol of the Bells (Winston)

Emily Wallace: Pianist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Hebrews 1:1-3

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.**

“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."

***CAROL, No. 218** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*
Crucifer: Keaton Alexander

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have not abandoned your good creation
to the forces of rebellion and destruction and death
that we foolish humans and the evil angels have let loose.
You have left a light on in this world of darkness
that we might begin to see our way home.
That our Savior was formed in the womb just like us is a wonder.
That he had a human mother whose name we know and love
is a sign that no child is ever an accident or dispensable.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
open our eyes to the glory and hope of this Christmas Day,
and then let us enter the new year seeing all things and every one
through the merciful and truthful gaze of Jesus Christ,
in whose holy and mighty and glorious name we make our prayer.
Amen. (Silence is kept for prayer.)**

***CANTICLE OF GOD'S GLORY, No. 83**

CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *For to Us a Child is Born*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 9:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Smith

ANTHEM

Christmas Day in the Morning (arr. Shackley)
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

The Preface of John's Gospel
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

John 1:1-18

SERMON

Who Is Jesus Christ?

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES AND OFFERINGS

CAROL, No. 246

Joy to the World

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Today I pray for: _____

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter (Haan)

Emily Wallace: Organist

*DOXOLOGY, NO. 95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

SENDING FORTH

*CAROL, No. 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

He is Born (Hudson)

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)

The church office is closed Monday, Dec. 26 and Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016