



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, November 27, 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"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

1st Sunday in 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

Ella Bassett

(Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Jim Kelly: Sound Operator)

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected (Hayes)

Emily Wallace: Piano

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Romans 13:11-12

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.

Paul reminded his friends in Rome of what was at stake.

“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 Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

(Crucifer: Ann Baker, Acolyte: Richie Pinckney)

+COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Based on Romans 7:13-8:2

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
your good and beautiful world is now occupied territory.
The rebellion of Sin infects and spoils us all.
Evil corrupts and corrodes, mangles and creates misery.
Death stalks every life and will one day blow out our candle.
We are in bondage and cannot free ourselves.
Our hope and help is in Jesus Christ and not in ourselves or our schemes.
We claim his voluntary sacrifice as the means of our full forgiveness.
We acknowledge his deep goodness as the antidote for the poison of Evil,
and we glory in his mighty resurrection as the defeat of Death.
Here we stand before you in need of forgiveness and freedom and hope.
Pour down upon us now the presence of the Holy Spirit,
that we may receive all the riches of your mercy and grace.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 389**

Freely, Freely

Stanza 2 Only

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

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

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

AN ADVENT CALL TO SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, AND ACTION. Pastor Phil

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE Brandon and Tara, Jarratt, Will, and Benjo Smith

Invitation and Lighting the First Candle

A Lesson from Jeremiah

Prayer

**Faithful God, out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope,
that we may be alert to the advent of Christ among us.
God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.
Amen.**

Song *A Candle is Burning* To the tune of *Away in a Manger*
**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright
a candle of hope in a dark winter night.
While angels sing blessing from heav'ns starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Phil

ANTHEM

Advent Prayer (Larson)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON

A Divided Self in a Broken World

Romans 7:13-8:2

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

SERMON

Honest About the Battle

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

Is my understand of the big issue as radical as Paul's?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE WITH THE WORD AND SPIRIT OF GOD

***HYMN, No. 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "*Variation on 'Savior of the Nations Come'*" Emily Wallace: Organ

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 196**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

People Look East (Wold)

Emily Wallace: Organ

The poinsettias are given to God's glory in loving memory of Charlie Webber
by Vicki Webber and children, Chase and Katy.

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)

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE TONIGHT AT 6:30PM!