



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

January 31, 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

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

"The chaos of our society and our inter-personal lives has a single origin; we have turned away from the knowledge of God and created idols."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Sam Crooks

PRELUDE

Prelude in D (Fischer)

Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Kit Adkins : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

*GREETING

Trinitarian Greeting, The Ten Commandments

MaryAshlynn Perkey: Lay Reader

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.

"God spoke from the mountain and said: "

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,

out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts."

*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Madalin Radcliffe, Hannah Crooks

*MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON Based on Romans 1:18-32
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
none of our secrets are a secret to you.
We have hidden ourselves from your holy presence.
We have closed our minds to true knowledge.
We have winked at immorality and found pleasure in vice.
We have given loyalty and service to gods of our own making.
May your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, pull back the veil,
that we may see ourselves as you see us:
weak and rebellious, in need of forgiveness and healing.
May the sacrifice of Jesus Christ be for us this day.
May his blood speak of the care you have for all sinners.
Soften our hearts and open our minds,
that we may gladly welcome the mercy you bestow,
and turn away from all that offends you and hurts us and others.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced, No. 890.)

*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70 *Glory Be to the Father*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS
ON THE WITNESS STAND *A Holy, Prayer-Filled Lent* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Two Sins Of Ancient Israel* Jeremiah 2:1-13
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
(MaryAshlynne Perkey: Lay Reader)

*PSALM 106 (selected verses) *They Forgot God* Hymnal: 829-830

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Susan Pinckney

ANTHEM *In Christ Alone (Townend, Getty, arr. Kirkland)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON *Dr. Paul Diagnoses Pagan Idolatry* Romans 1:18-32
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
SERMON *You Become What You Worship* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
What lesser loyalties are displacing the Living God from the center of my life?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD, A PRAYER FOR IDOLATERS

“Search me, O Lord, and reveal my heart.

I yield all that I am and am not to the daily rule of Jesus Christ.

Grant me a new desire to love and worship you above all. Amen.”

*CHARLES WESLEY HYMN No. 88 *Maker, in Whom We Live*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD’S PRAYER

*THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM II *Hymnal: 39-43*

To be baptized: Molly Elizabeth Austin (born 2/12/15),
daughter of Justin and Lauren Austin

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 608 *This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

*POSTLUDE *Sortie (Franke)* Emily Wallace: Organist

The flowers are given to the glory of God

and in honor of Chuck Drake’s 86th birthday on January 26 by his family.

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.

Bible study, Wed. Feb. 3, @6:00 pm. 1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4

Sun. Feb. 7 *The God Who Judges Impartially* Romans 2:1-11

Intro to Islam, Session 3, tonight at 6:00 pm in the Trinity class.