



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**July 31, 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

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Green

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“What is God after? A willing, obedient heart.”**

## ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**

Richie Pinckney

(Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Stuart Driver: Sound Operator)

**PRELUDE**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (arr. Hyzer)*

Emily Wallace: Pianist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**A WORD OF GRATITUDE AND THANKS**

Calvin Kinard

**\*GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.**

Jeremiah the prophet spoke of a coming new covenant,

“But this is the covenant which I will make

with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD:

**I will put my law within them,**

**and I will write it upon their hearts,**

**and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor, saying,

‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD;

**for I will forgive their iniquity,**

**and I will remember their sin no more.”**

**\*HYMN, No. 419**

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

Crucifer: Wylan Radcliffe, Acolytes: Vivi Joy Pinckney, Trace Meredith

## +COMMON PRAYER

Based on Romans 2:25-29

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you see the heart and know all our secrets.  
In Jesus Christ you have come to reclaim all that we are  
and to set up your loving rule in the center of our lives.  
In these times of turmoil and anxiety,  
when the landscape is changing and old certainties passing away,  
keep our hearts and mind centered on your proven character,  
for you are good and holy and true and merciful and faithful.  
We thank you for the riches and treasures of this great faith.  
We thank you for the Bible and the saints and the sacraments,  
for the creeds and the hymns and all that is beautiful in your church.  
May your Holy Spirit pierce us with the arrows of divine love,  
that we may feel your presence and obey you gladly from the heart.  
We wait upon you, O Lord. 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

### FIRST LESSON

*God's Covenant With Abraham*

Genesis 17:1-14

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

(Richard Pinckney: Lay Reader)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Pinckney

### ANTHEM

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arr. Hopson)*

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organ

### OFFICIAL U.M TEACHING ON BAPTISM

*The Book of Discipline 2012: 67*

#### **The Articles of Religion, Article XVII: Baptism**

“Baptism is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference  
whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized;  
but it is also a sign of regeneration or the new birth.

The Baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church.”

**SERMON LESSON**                      *Outward Sign, Inward Reality*                      Romans 2:25-29  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**                              *The Heart Of The Matter*                              Phil Thraikill: Pastor  
Am I trusting in externals, or does God have my deepest heart?

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

### **SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN, NO. 500**                      *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**                              *Your Grace Still Amazes Me*

John McFadden: Soloist, Emily Wallace: Piano

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

### **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II**

*Hymnal: 39-43*

To be baptized and received into baptized membership:  
Emerson Victoria Hoy (12-31-2015), daughter of Danny and Bess Hoy.  
(After the baptism, sing No. 191, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know")

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 611**                      *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

### **A SPECIAL RECOGNITION AS PHIL AND HEIDI LEAVE FOR VIRGINIA**

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**                              Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**                              Chancel Choir

### **PHIL AND HEIDI WILL BE UP FRONT TO RECEIVE YOUR GOOD WISHES!**

**\*POSTLUDE**                              *Trees of the Field*                              Emily Wallace: Organ

The flowers are given to God's in celebration of Emerson Victoria Hoy's baptism  
and in loving memory of Billy Tunstall by Bill and Doris Tunstall and family.

Join us for prayer on Thursday from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.

Pastor's Bible Sunday, Wed. Aug. 3 at 5:30pm. . . . . 1 Corinthians 15:29-58  
**(The church office may be reached at 864-229-7551)**