



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

January 3, 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

Epiphany/ Covenant Sunday

White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

“The call to follow Jesus is a call into his community and into his mission.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ella Bassett

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto (Beethoven)

Emily Wallace: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***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.”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 117**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolytes: Jarratt Smith, Vivi Joy Pinckney

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING ON THE *REPENTANCE* OF CHRISTIANS

Article XII: Of Sin After Justification

“Not every sin willingly committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore, the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification. After we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and, by the grace of God, rise again and amend our lives. And therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here; or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent” (BOD 2012: 66).

*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table	It's the Lord's table!
all who love him,	Do you?
who earnestly repent of their sin	Are you?
and seek to live in peace with one another.	Will you?
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.	Honesty!
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray:	

Almighty God, our holy and heavenly Father:

**You set the world on its axis and determined the seasons,
and we have come to the marking of another year under your favor.**

We thank you for the gift of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord,

But we have not been the disciples we ought to be.

**We have too often taken the easy way when the call was to sacrifice,
and we have been silent when you called us to the witness stand.**

The world and its demands are so much with us.

We forget your holy love and miss your call to pay attention.

Hear our cry today; pour your mercy and forgiveness upon us,

and may our daily duties be lived out in your sweet fellowship this year.

Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70

Glory Be to the Father

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shell Dula

ANTHEM *Thee We Adore (Ellingby)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON *A Light on the Road to Damascus* Acts 9:1-31
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Power To Turn Enemies To Friends* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
Am I aware of how near and how powerful and good the risen Jesus is?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***RENEWING OUR COVENANT WITH GOD FOR 2016**

Hymn No. 419: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Preface and Invitation to the Covenant
A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition, No. 607

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Here I Am Lord (arr. Carter)* Emily Wallace: Organist
***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER** Musical Setting B: 18-20

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
Servers: Ann Landis & Albert Dukes, Charlie & Ann West, Jon & Lori Bassett,
Pam Faulkner & Toby Chappell, Table Assistant: John McFadden.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 571** *Go Make of All Disciples*
***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
***CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672** *God Be With You...* Chancel Choir
***POSTLUDE** *Toccata on 'O For a Thousand Tongues* Emily Wallace: Organist

Please join us for prayer Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.
Sermon manuscripts are available on stand up front after the service.
Copies of the 2016 church budget are available.

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016

Paul's Business Card

Romans 1:1-7