



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Sunday, December 4, 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

2nd Sunday in Advent

Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“All of Jewish history

was a preparation for the appearance of John the Baptist, then Jesus.”

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Jarratt Smith

(Glenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Toby Chappell: Sound Operator)

PRELUDE *My Lord, What a Morning (arr. Hassell)*

Emily Wallace: Piano

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Luke 3:4-6/ Isaiah 40:3-5

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.

The ministry of John the Baptist enacts the ancient words of Isaiah:

“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be brought low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God!”

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 209** *Blest Be the God of Israel*

(Crucifer: Madalin Radcliffe, Acolyte: Witt Smith)

***INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Luke 1:1-25

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

**Almighty God our heavenly Father,
You know how easily we lose our way
and how quickly we are lead astray into the habits of sin
that sap life from our souls and tangle our closest relationships.
We cannot turn back to you without divine aid.
We thank you for raising up prophets in every generation
to prick our consciences and point us back to the light,
who call for justice and show us the path to peace.
In the midst of the rush and distractions of this season
we ask for a gift from your hand, the gift of deep repentance.
Turn the hearts of all your people towards Jesus Christ,
who alone sets life back on a firm foundation.
May your Spirit illumine us with the light of heaven this day.
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
ON THE WITNESS STAND**

Christmas Eve Outreach Service

Pastor Phil

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE

Phil and Barbara Gates

Invitation and Lighting the Second Candle

A Lesson from Zechariah and Prayer

**God of Hope, Prince of Peace,
you speak peace into the world
as you come to us in the infant Jesus.
Help us embody your peace as peacemakers
that we may be known as your sons and daughters.
God of Peace, God of Hope, into our darkness come.**

Song *A Candle is Burning* To the tune of *Away in a Manger*

**A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease,
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Lynn Polk

ANTHEM

Light the Advent Candle (arr. Wagner)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON

Luke's Preface, John's Conception

Luke 1:1-4, 5-25

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

SERMON

A Prophet Is On The Way

Phil Thrailkill: 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. 203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Emily Wallace: Organ

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Hymnal: Musical Setting B: 18-20

***HOLY COMMUNION**

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave.

Servers: Jon & Lori Bassett, Joe & Vickie Chandler, Shell & Mary Dula,

David & Jeanie Patterson Assistant: John McFadden

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 204**

Emmanuel

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Hyfrydol (arr. Vaughan Williams)

Emily Wallace: Organ

The poinsettias are given to God's glory
and in loving memory of Jimmy Burns by his family.

The rosebud is given in honor of the birth of Virginia Ann Workman
born November 27, 2016 to Tanner and Hannah Workman

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)

Join us Wednesday evening at 5:00pm for a special meal by the Chancel Choir,
followed by a fun program for families.