



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

January 15, 2017
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 After Epiphany/Human Relations Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

“Faith is evidence based trust in God’s being and character.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming
TRINITY CHIME Ella Bassett, Sound: Jeff Smith
PRELUDE *Prelude in F (Bach)* Emily Wallace: Organist
WELCOME AND SILENCE Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 28:16-20

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.**

What is the Great Commandment?

**To love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul,
all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

And what is the Great Commission?

**That we, the church,
are to go among all the peoples of the world and make disciples,
welcoming them into the body of Christ through baptism,
teaching them to do all that Jesus commanded us,
knowing that the risen Lord is with us until the end of time.**

And what is the mission of this church?

We are following Jesus Christ from the city center of Greenwood.

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 64** *Holy, Holy, Holy*
(Crucifer: Julia Baker, Acolyte: Ann Baker)

***COMMON PRAYER**

Bases on Romans 9:14-32

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you are the Great Creator of all that is,
and nothing we do surprises you or catches you unaware.
You have determined that all who respond to your mercy will be saved,
and that all who refuse your kindness shall come into judgment.
In Jesus we see the fullness of love walking among us,
and no one who turned to him in need was ever disappointed.
He healed the sick, forgave sinners, trained disciples,
cast out demons, and raised the dead to display your kingdom.
He restored broken souls, and children found in him a friend.
He called to his own people, and some of them responded.
Others stumbled at his words and rejected a crucified Messiah.
May your Holy Spirit stir and illumine us to today, one and all,
that we may see and believe and follow and love him all our days.
Amen. (Silence is kept for prayer.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 666**

Shalom to You

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *God's Mercy for a Rebel Nation* Exodus 33:1-23
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Lay Reader: Sandra Johnston)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Myra Greene

ANTHEM *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus (arr. Whitaker)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON *God's Electing Love* Romans 9:14-33
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Asking the Really Hard Questions* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
Is God wise enough and loving enough to claim all who want to know him?
What is keeping me from resting the full weight of my life on Jesus Christ?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND PRAYER WITH GOD AND THE WORD

***HYMN No. 140** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *How Firm a Foundation (Burkhardt)* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

***THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT, RECEPTION OF MEMBERS** *Hymnal: 33-38*

To be baptized and received into baptized membership:

Jack Nordstrom (b. 8/17/2016), son of Joel and Katie Nordstrom
(Pastor Phil is assisted by Rev. Col. Mark Nordstrom, Anglican Priest)

To be baptized on confession of faith and received as a professing member:

Nicole Kristen Herbert, sponsored by Mr. Howard Thomes

To be received by transfer from Duncan Memorial UMC, Georgetown, SC:

Hope Ward

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 732** *Come, We That Love the Lord*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Processional (LeMare)*

Emily Wallace: Organist

GREETING OUR NEW MEMBERS AT THE ALTAR

Please join us for prayer Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel.

Sermon manuscripts are available up front after the service.

Copies of the 2017 church budget are available on the stand.

Stay and help us pack pills after worship for the Honduras Medical Mission.

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 *What Good Are Preachers Anyway?* Romans 10:1-17