



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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211 North Main Street
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646
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December 17, 2017

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Purple

Welcome Visitors, Register Attendance, Church Concerns, Announcements

ENTRANCE

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
Emily Wallace, organist

arr. Pethel

*Call to Worship

Richard Pinckney, Lay Reader

Leader: God has done great things for us!

People: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

Leader: Holy is God's name!

People: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

People: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

*Hymn No. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Advent Banner Carrier: Wylan Radcliffe
Crucifer: Madalin Radcliffe, Acolyte: Tyler Andrews

Baptismal Covenant No. 33

Joseph Michael Shirley

Baptismal Response:

Refrain: Joseph, Joseph God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Verse: We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Refrain.

Verse: We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. Refrain.

Verse: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Refrain.

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Richard Pinckney

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Mary Lynn Polk

Anthem

Light the Advent Candle
Chancel Choir and Rhonda McGinnis, flute

arr. Wagner

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Melissa and Albert Dukes

A Lesson from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Prayer: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation, And you will say in that day: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously! Amen.

Song *A Candle is Burning* To the tune of *Away in a Manger*
**A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy,
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow,
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

Sermon *The Gift of Christmas: Joseph* Pastor James McCoy-Bruce

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Hymn No. 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Taylor
Emily Wallace, pianist

Offertory Response No. 219 *What Child Is This (Verse 3)*
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn No. 573** *O Zion, Haste*

***Dismissal With Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Postlude *Toccata on "Low How a Rose"* arr. Sobaje
Emily Wallace, organist

**Please stand if you are able*

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is **Joseph Michael Shirley**, infant son of Winston and Josie Shirley, born on May 22, 2017.

Serving This Sunday, December 17

Prayer Sentinel: Kit Adkins

Sound System Operator:

Joey Burns

Acolyte Parent Volunteer:

Arthur Radcliffe

Nursery Volunteer: Josie Shirley

Extended Session Worker:

Cindy Logan

Stewardship Report as of 12/10/2017

	Actual	Budgeted
YTD INCOME:	\$ 686,724	\$ 763,273
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 701,630	\$ 763,273
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$ (14,906)	

Attendance 12/10/2017

8:30 am Service.....95

Sunday School.....168

11:00 am Service.....176



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 pm

Come and help spread Christmas cheer to our homebound members!

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm to divide into caroling groups.

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

Rev James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries

Emily Wallace, Organist

Kathy Kelly, Adult Program Coordinator

Lee Robirds, RN, Congregational Nurse

Sharon Britz, Director of Youth and Student Ministries

Lisa Smith, Children's Program Coordinator

Jo Patterson, Office Assistant

Linda Miller, Financial Secretary

Debbie Tharpe, Office Assistant

Scott Parham, Building Superintendent

Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director

Michael Fisher, Building Caretaker

Melvin Boyd, Building Caretaker

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 18

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

6:00 pm Christian Believer

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

6:00 pm Church wide Caroling – Meet in FH

Friday, December 22

6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 23

12:00 noon Christmas Outreach Service – Gym

Sunday, December 24

8:30 am Early Service – Fellowship Hall

9:15 am Breakfast Served – Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Service – Sanctuary

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26

Office closed for Christmas

In celebration of Emmie Burns' 19 years of faithful service on the Main Street staff, we would like to say 'thank you' with an appreciation gift. If you want to contribute, please make any checks payable to MSUMC with 'Emmie gift' in the 'for' line by December 18.