



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

March 19, 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

3rd Sunday in Lent

Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“Significant spiritual forces are arrayed against Christ’s followers,
and if we do not name them, how can we resist them?”**

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Daniel Leuthner Barrineau: Chimer, Toby Chappell: Sound

PRELUDE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (Arr. Wolaver) Emily Wallace: Piano

WELCOME AND SILENCE Glenn Williams : Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Colossians 1:9-14

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 Apostle Paul wrote to the disciples in Colossae,

“And so, from the day we heard of it,

we have not ceased to pray for you,

asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will

in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him,

bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

May you be strengthened with all power,

according to his glorious might,

for all endurance and patience with joy,

giving thanks to the Father,

who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 374** *Standing on the Promises*
(Crucifer: Bennett Charles, Acolyte: Claire Leuthner Barrineau)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON.** . . .Based on Ephesians 6:10-24

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

**Almighty and Living God, our heavenly Father,
your good and beautiful creation is under siege,
and since our ancient rebellion the pain has never ceased.
The day is coming when you will no longer tolerate sin and evil,
and the awful weight of both will be lifted off us forever.
We thank you that in Jesus Christ you have given us hope and help.
He is our Champion, our Warrior, our Victor, and our risen Lord.
He has defeated our enemy in his cross and resurrection,
and we are to announce his victory at every opportunity.
Forgive us for standing on the sidelines of this great battle.
Forgive us for not using the armor and weapons you provide.
Forgive us for ignoring the communications line of prayer.
Forgive us where we have retreated and not stood our ground.
Have mercy upon your people, and renew us by your Holy Spirit.
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
APOLOGETICS 101 *No. 4: A Homing Instinct* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Smith

ANTHEM

Consecration (Chatfield)
Emily Wallace: Organist, Director

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON *Don't Forget Your Armor* Ephesians 6:10-20
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Full Battle Dress* Phil Thrailkill: Pastor
**Do I understand the invisible war that rages all around us and just beyond sight?
Have I learned to wear and use all the armor of God supplies?**

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***WESLEY HYMN, No. 513** *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* The altar is open for prayer

***OUR SECOND BAPTISMAL VOW** *A Pledge To Push Back With The Gospel*
Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Emily Wallace: Organist

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER**

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR NEW PASTOR David Patterson: SPRC Chair

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 536** *Precious Name*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Shalom to You* Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Preludium in C. Minor (Bach)* Emily Wallace

The flowers are given to God's glory
and in loving memory of Stanley C. Baker, III by his family.

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

The Lenten Lunch & Worship is at Morris Chapel Baptist Church
on Wednesday, March 22.

Lunch at 12 noon and 1:00pm, Worship at 12:30pm.

Sunday, March 26

Situational Awareness

1 Peter 5:1-11