



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

January 1, 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 **Epiphany Sunday/ Covenant Sunday** **White**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“We believe that Jesus Christ is God’s personal statement
for all that is good and against all that is evil.”**

ENTRANCE

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

PRELUDE *Prelude on Divinum Mysterium (Bock)* Steve Skinner: Guest Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Kit Adkins: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Our Vision and Mission Statement

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 mission of Main Street United Methodist Church?

We are “Following Jesus Christ from City Center.”

And what is our vision?

**“As members of Main Street United Methodist Church,
we are called to grow as a community of disciples by:**

- * **Faithfully worshiping our holy God with love and devotion;**
- * **Compassionately serving those in need;**
- * **Building bridges to the neighborhoods of Greenwood;**
- * **Welcoming all to hear God’s story.”**

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 249** *There’s a Song in the Air*
(Crucifer: Layton Logan)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Matthew 2:1-23

Christ our Lord invites to his table

- 1) all who love him, (3 Standards)
- 2) who earnestly repent of their sin
- 3) and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son and our Savior,
you came as a newborn, wrinkled and red,
drawing a first breath and needing to be nursed.
At your birth a new star rose in the heavens,
and to your cradle came mysterious seekers from the East.
You were the fulfillment of ancient hopes,
and the evil ones hated you and sought your life.
Create in us the same adventuresome faith as the wise men,
that we may follow the clues you leave in every life
and come to offer the worship that is due you.
Forgive us wherever we have resisted your call,
for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 246**

Joy to the World

Stanza 4 Only

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

John McFadden

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior (arr. Burkhardt)

Chancel Choir

John McFadden: Director, Steve Skinner: Guest Organist

SERMON LESSON

The Light and Dark Sides of Christmas

Matthew 2:1-23

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

SERMON*Two Roads To Bethlehem*

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

2nd U.M. Baptismal Vow:

“Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?” **I do.**

RESPONSES TO THE WORD**SILENCE AND PRAYER WITH THE WORD*****RENEWING OUR COVENANT WITH GOD FOR 2017***Hymn No. 254 *We Three Kings*

Preface and Invitation to the Covenant

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition, No. 607

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY** *Tempus Adest Floridum (Virgil Fox)* Steve Skinner: Guest 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: Glenn & Allie Williams, Richard & Susan Pinckney, Charlie & Ann West,

Mark & Lee Robirds, Table Assistant: John McFadden.

SENDING FORTH***HYMN, No. 251***Go, Tell It on the Mountain****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on Old Hundredth (Bock)*

Steve Skinner: Organist

AN OINTING AND PRAYER FOR HEALING AT THE ALTAR

Pastor Phil

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 2017 church budget are available.

Our Wednesday night meal and programs resume January 11.

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017

The Dangers of Privilege

Romans 9:1-13