



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**December 24, 2017**

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purple

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Welcome Visitors, Register Attendance, Church Concerns, Announcements

## ENTRANCE

### Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

*Silent Night*  
Handbells

arr. Wagner

### \*Call to Worship

Albert Dukes, Lay Reader

Leader: With gratitude and joy, come sing to the Lord.

**People: With songs of praise, we come.**

Leader: With thankfulness and cheer, lift hymns to God on high.

**People: With songs of praise, we come.**

Leader: With hope and joyful hearts, sing to Christ our King.

**People: With songs of praise, we come.**

### \*Hymn No. 250

*Once in Royal David's City*  
Advent Banner Carrier: Lucas Bassett  
Crucifer: Jarratt Smith, Acolyte: Witt Smith

### Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candles

William, Martha and Sherman Culbertson

A Lesson from II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

**Prayer: God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love, teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world. God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come. Amen.**

### Song

*A Candle is Burning* To the tune of *Away in a Manger*  
**A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,  
A candle to point us to heaven above,  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

## PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

### Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 7

Albert Dukes

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Messiah Comes, Emmanuel</i> Chancel Choir	Martin
<b>Children's Message</b>		Pastor James McCoy-Bruce
<b>Hymn No. 238</b>	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Gift of Christmas: Innkeeper</i>	Pastor James McCoy-Bruce

### **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 234**                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**                              *Some Children See Him*  
Myra Greene, Soloist

**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. 229**                      *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**\*Dismissal With Blessing**

**\*Choral Benediction**              *Angels from the Realms of Glory*              Hymn 220 Stanza 1

**Postlude**                              *Toccata on "Mendelssohn"*                      Cherwien  
Emily Wallace, organist

***\*Please stand if you are able***

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Thank you to Greenwood Mop and Broom for providing the broom for this morning's service.

### Stewardship Report as of 12/17/2017

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$ 701,461	\$ 778,850
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 723,116	\$ 778,850
YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$ (21,655)	

### Attendance 12/17/2017

8:30 am Service.....	68
Sunday School.....	135
11:00 am Service.....	185

### Serving This Sunday, December 24

**Prayer Sentinel:** Allie Williams

**Sound System Operator:**

Jeff Smith

**Acolyte Parent Volunteer:**

Lori Bassett

**Nursery Volunteer:** Angie Baker

**Extended Session Worker:**

Susan Thompson

### Hanging of the Greens Thank you!

Thank you everyone for coming together in helping make this year's Hanging of the Greens another successful service! Everyone did an outstanding job from making new bows, purchasing new greenery, preparing globes to decorating the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, including rehearsing, all the way through the entire service and reception. It is truly amazing to see the hands of God work together in keeping the tradition in our church alive for 30 years. It warms my heart seeing all of us, the multi-generations working together.

Thank you again, and I hope you have a warm and safe Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

Debbie Tharpe,  
Hanging of the Greens Chairperson

### CALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, December 25

Office closed for Christmas

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Office closed for Christmas

#### Wednesday, December 27

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Pick-up basketball

#### Thursday, December 28

6:00 am – 8:00 am Toastmasters

#### Friday, December 29

5:30 pm Celebrate Recovery – FH

#### Sunday, December 31

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

#### Monday, January 1, 2018

Office closed for New Years

### 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, Interim Office Assistant

Scott Parham, Building Superintendent

Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director

Michael Fisher, Building Caretaker

Melvin Boyd, Building Caretaker