

February 26, 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 8th Sunday After Epiphany

Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

"Each of us has a temptation profile, the weak spots in our character, and there is one who delights in exploiting them all. So stay alert!"

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLEPray as you enter; assume silence at the chimingTRINITY CHIMEMorgana McKee: Chimer, Brian Andrews: SoundPRELUDEShine, Jesus Shine (arr. Bock)Emily Wallace: PianoWELCOME AND SILENCEGlenn Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

*GREETING

11:00am

Trinitarian Greeting, 1 Peter 5:6-11

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.

Peter, the church's chief pastor, wrote to his people: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you.

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **Resist him, firm in your faith**,

knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen." *PROCESSION HYMN, No. 529 How Firm a Foundation (Crucifer: Layton Logan, Acolytes: Morgana McKee)

*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Based on Genesis 3:1-24

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: our world, our home, and we along with it, are broken by sin and lawlessness, by evil and deception. None of us are innocent, and all of us are compromised. We listen to an alien voice that tempts us away from you, and we soon believe that going our own way is a better deal. What a mess we have made. and how quickly we blame you and others for all our pain. But you are the God of mercy, and your aid is always near. You follow us in all our wanderings, and when we turn, you welcome us back home in Jesus Christ. We are dust, and to dust we shall return. You are our life now, and our hope for the world to come. Forgive us. Heal us. Restore us. Strengthen us, and fill us with your Spirit. Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

*ACT OF PRAISE, No. 389 Freely, Freely Stanza 1 Only WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

Apologetics 1: Creation Phil Thrailkill: Pastor ON THE WITNESS STAND

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

This Is My Beloved Son (Choplin) Chancel Choir ANTHEM John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

SERMON LESSON Paradise Lost This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Lisa Smith

Genesis 3:1-24

SERMON A Tale Of Two Trees Phil Thrailkill: Pastor (First in the Lenten series: "A Glimpse At The Dark Side")

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

RENEWING OUR FIRST BAPTISMAL PROMISE

U.M. Hymnal: 34

"On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil power of this world, and repent of your sin?" I do!

*HYMN, No. 511

*HYMN, No. 347

Am I a Solder of the Cross

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Through Adam's Fall All is Ruined (Homilius) Emily Wallace: Organist *DOXOLOGY, NO. 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

Spirit Song

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *CHORAL BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE In Death's Strong Bond the Savior Lay (Bach)

Chancel Choir Emily Wallace

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

Our gratitude goes out to Scott Parham, who after considering an offer at Colgate Palmolive, has decided to say with us at Main St. PTL!

The Lenten Lunch and Worship is at Main St. this Wednesday. Our Imposition of Ashes is Wednesday from 6:00-6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Sunday, March 5

Jesus Meets His Foe

Luke 4:1-15