



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WELCOMING

**March 26, 2017**  
**Services at 8:30/11:00 am**  
**[www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org) and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon**

**Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"**

## THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Purple

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“Being a shepherd consists of long strings of boredom interrupted by moments of sheer terror. Welcome to the church!”**

### ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME** Richie Pinckney: Chimer, Jeff Smith: Sound

**PRELUDE** *Give Me Jesus (Arr. Johnston)* Emily Wallace: Pianist

**WELCOME AND SILENCE** Ann West: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

**\*GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Luke 10:17-20

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.**

It was after a great spiritual victory that Jesus warned his disciples,

“The seventy returned with joy, saying,

‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!’

‘And he said to them,

**‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.**

**Behold, I have given you authority**

**to tread upon serpents and scorpions,**

**and over all the power of the enemy;**

**and nothing shall hurt you.**

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this,

that the spirits are subject to you;

**but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

**\*PROCESSION HYMN, No. 368** *My Hope Is Built*

(Crucifer: Ann Baker, Acolyte: Richie Pinckney)

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON. . . .Based on 1 Peter 5:1-12**

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

**Almighty and Living God, our heavenly Father,  
you have installed Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd of your people.  
He leads and guides;  
he corrects and protects;  
he pursues the wanderers and the lost,  
and his is the voice we all recognize when he speaks our name.  
Give us pastors and leaders who know the Chief Shepherd,  
who have his heart for your people,  
and who care more for calling than career.  
May they be clothed in humility and courage.  
May their lives model the truths they preach and teach.  
May you guard and keep them,  
and may they guard your people against the lies that so easily entrap.  
Save us all, O Lord, from the sin of the gossip and the complainer.  
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. 5: Beauty: The Splendor of Creation* Phil Thraikill: Pastor

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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**ANTHEM**

*At the Cross (arr. Berry)*  
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Pianist

Chancel Choir

**SERMON LESSON**

*Saint Peter Instructs The Saints*      1 Peter 5:1-11, 12-14  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Situational Awareness*

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

In a world of personality, why must leaders have integrity?  
Why is the virtue of humility and teachability so little valued?  
Why is the church so quiet about the threat that stalks us all?  
Why do we hear so little about the suffering church?

**RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN, No. 648**      *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

**\*A UNITED METHODIST ORDINATION QUESTION**      *The U.M. Book of Worship: 677*

“Are you persuaded, that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the Church’s faith and life?”

**I am so persuaded by God’s grace.**

**\*CONFESSING THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH, No. 881**      *The Apostles’ Creed*

**GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      *Cry Out To Jesus*      John McFadden: Solo, Emily Wallace: Pianist

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD’S PRAYER**

**ENROLLING OUR CONFIRMANDS. . . . .**      Pastor Phil, Sharon Britz: Youth Minister

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, No. 703**      *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**      *Fugue in C Minor (Bach)*      Emily Wallace

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

The Lenten Lunch & Worship is at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 29.  
Lunch at 12 noon and 1:00pm, Worship at 12:30pm.

Sunday, April 2

*Time For Some Push Back*

James 4:1-12