



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

April 2, 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

5th Sunday in Lent

Purple

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

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

**“God’s grace and our humble receptivity
are two great weapons in spiritual warfare.”**

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Vivi Joy Pinckney: Chimer, Albert Dukes: Sound

PRELUDE *Precious Lord, Take My Hand (arr. Hayes)* Emily Wallace: Piano

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

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, The Ten Commandments

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.**

“God spoke from the mountain and said:

‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.’”

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.”

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 92** *For the Beauty of the Earth*
(Crucifer: Joe Hartung, Acolyte: Vivi Joy Pinckney)

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on James 4:1-12

Christ our Lord invites to his table Not mine! Not yours!
1) all who love him, Even a little?
2) who earnestly repent of their sin Eager to be free?
3) and seek to live in peace with one another. Active pursuit?
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have wandered deep into the land of Sin.
Our passions and appetites betray us,
and when we give them free reign, they bind us in addictions and shame.
We have placed ourselves and our pleasures at the center of life.
We have been distracted by the glitz of this fallen world.
Our eyes have grown dim, our ears dull, our consciences numb.
Receive this prayer as our first hope of a new humility and a fresh grace.
Do for us what only you can do.
Cover us in the mercy and forgiveness you displayed in Jesus Christ.
Stir in us new and holy desires by the work of your Holy Spirit.
Wake us to the battle that rages around and within every one of us.
Our hope is in you, O Lord, and on your holy, merciful presence we wait.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)**

***SUNG RESPONSE, No. 389** *Freely, Freely* *Stanza 1 Only*

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND *Apologetics 6: God as Personal* Phil Thraikill: Pastor

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Pinckney

ANTHEM *Who is That Man?* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist, Becky Gardner: Oboe

SERMON LESSON *Hard Words from Brother James* James 4:1-12
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Whose Friend Are You?* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
Am I aware of the forces that are arrayed against us, within and without?
Do I resist unruly impulses, the lures of the world, the devil, evil speech?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 396** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word (arr. Reger)*

***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: Shell & Mary Dula, David & Jeannie Patterson, Karl & Debbie Kelly, Jim
Kelly & Pam Faulkner, Table Assistant: John McFadden.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, No. 405** *Seek Ye First*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Rhosymedre (arr. Vaughan-Williams)* Emily Wallace: Organist

ANOINTING AND PRAYER FOR HEALING AT THE ALTAR Pastor Phil

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

The Lenten Lunch and Worship service is at First Baptist Church.

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

Sunday, April 9

At The End A Victory

Revelation 12:1-17