



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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211 North Main Street
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December 3, 2017

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Purple

Welcome Visitors, Register Attendance, Church Concerns, Announcements

ENTRANCE

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Away in a Manger
Emily Wallace and Debbie McFadden, pianists

arr. Rosco

*Call to Worship

Terry Robinson, Lay Reader

Leader: Come people of faith, come join your hearts in worship.

People: We hear the invitation and hunger to join in the feast.

Leader: God calls us into the loving presence of Jesus, who is the Chris.

People: We come to join watch and wait and celebrate. Amen.

*Hymn No. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Advent Banner Carrier: Wylan Radcliffe
Crucifer: Libby Hartung, Acolyte: Campbell Driver

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us each week as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Sharon Britz

A Lesson from Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer: Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the advent of Christ among us. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

Song

A Candle is Burning To the tune of *Away in a Manger*
**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright a candle of hope
in a dark winter night. While angels sing blessing from heav'ns starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is night.**

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 26-38

Terry Robinson

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Advent Prayer arr. Patrick Liebergen
Chancel Choir and Rhonda McGinnis, flute

Sermon

The Gift of Christmas: Mary Pastor James McCoy-Bruce

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Hymn No. 198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Savior of the Nations, Come arr. Distler
Emily Wallace, organist

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. 196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting and Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Dismissal With Blessing**

***Choral Benediction**

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Postlude

People Look East arr. Wold
Emily Wallace, organist

**Please stand if you are able*

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God by Jane Marshall in loving memory of her parents, **Randy and Camille Wolfe** and her husband, **Terry**.

Serving This Sunday, December 3

Prayer Sentinel: Glenn Williams

Sound System Operator:

Toby Chappell

Acolyte Parent Volunteer:

Sarah Hartung

Nursery Worker: Ashley D'Alessandro

Extended Session Worker:

Ben Harley/Josie Shirley

Stewardship Report as of 11/26/2017

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$ 656,436	\$ 732,119
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 677,260	\$ 732,119
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$(20,824)	

Attendance 11/26/2017

8:30 am Service.....42

Sunday School.....132

11:00 am Service.....157

**Parents Night Out
Friday, December 15th
6:00-9:00 pm**

Infants to 5th grade

*We'll take care of your children
while you enjoy the evening!*

Registration deadline is December 8.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today, December 3

6:30 pm Hanging of the Greens Service

Monday, December 4

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

11:00 am Hearts & Hands Circle Meeting

4:30-pm Care team Meeting

6:00 pm Christian Believer

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

10:00 am Susanna Circle Meeting

6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

4:00 pm-7:00 pm ELEVATE Youth

5:00 – 7:00 pm Grumpy Shepherd Practice

7:15 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 7

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

6:00 pm Main Streeters Dinner & Program

6:30 pm Prayer Meeting – Chapel

Friday, December 8

9:00 am – 12 noon Mud Pies Preschool

12:30 pm Federation of the Blind Meeting

6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 10

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

4:00 pm – Church Council Meeting

5:30 pm- 7:30 pm ELEVATE Youth

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

Emmie Burns, Administrative Assistant

Linda Miller, Financial Secretary

Jo Patterson, Office Assistant

Scott Parham, Building Superintendent

Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director

Michael Fisher, Building Caretaker

Melvin Boyd, Building Caretaker