



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**December 13, 2020**

Welcome to Main Street United Methodist Church.  
Our Mission is: "Following Christ from City Center"

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Purple

## ENTRANCE

**Welcome Visitors, Church Concerns and Announcements**

Pastor James

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

Rodney Cleveland, organist

**Call to Worship**

Ann Landis, Lay Reader

Leader: God has done great things for us!

**People: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.**

Leader: Holy is God's name!

**People: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.**

Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

**People: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.**

**Call to Praise**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

Jon, Lori, Lucas, and Ella Bassett

A Lesson from Isaiah 35:10

<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

**All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

**Prayer: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation, and you will say in that day: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously. Amen.**

**Response**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*(refrain)*

## PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

**Scripture Reading**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Ann Landis

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Extended Session Invitation**

*At this time, all children, 3 years old through Kindergarten, are invited to Extended Session. The children will be returned to the Sanctuary before the end of the service.*

### **Anthem**

*Light in the Heart of Winter*  
Myra Greene, Lisa Smith, and John McFadden

### **Sermon**

*Naughty or Nice?*

Pastor James

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

### **Sermon Response**

#### **Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

### **\*Hymn**

*Tell Out, My Soul*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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### **Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers today are poinsettias given by Josie and Winston Shirley and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Linda Hollingsworth & Georgianna Peterson.

### **Christmas Eve Service**

Our Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service will be professionally recorded and available to watch on our website. Check [mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://mainstreetgreenwood.org) beginning December 24<sup>th</sup> and participate at home and celebrate our Savior's birth!

Today's service and on-line giving can be found on our website, [www.mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://www.mainstreetgreenwood.org).

**Serving This Sunday, December 13**

**Sound System Operator:** Joey Burns  
**Media Team:** Preston Goforth

**2020 Stewardship Report as of 12/06/2020**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$562,714	\$850,738
YTD EXPENSES:	\$550,455	\$850,738
YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$12,259	

**Apportionments Report as of 12/06/2020**

\$106,908 Apportionments due by 12/31/20  
\$17,818 Apportionments Paid to Date  
\$ 89,090 Balance of Apportionments due

Two month's portion has been paid.

**Attendance 12/06/2020**

8:30 am Service 28  
11:00 am Service 72

**Nursery & Extended Session Volunteers**

All parents, friends, and grandparents-we need your help. To provide nursery & Extended Session, we must have Safe Sanctuary volunteers to work with our paid staff. If interested in helping children to return to church, contact Josie Shirley and Gray Stallworth to sign up.

**Kid's Christmas Story Video**

The Kid's Christmas Story Video will be posted and available to watch on our website and Facebook on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Reminder: Extended Session** is where children ages 3-5 leave before the 11:00 am sermon and will be returned to the sanctuary before time to leave.

**Childcare is available this morning**

Infants through two-years old are welcome in the nursery, Asbury Building, from 8:15 am -12:00 pm. You must sign your child in and out.

**THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET**

**Monday, December 14**

9:00 pm-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool  
9:15 am Mud Pies Christmas Program  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 911-Scout Room

**Tuesday, December 15**

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool  
9:30 am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, December 16**

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool  
**1:30 pm Christmas Caroling for Nursing Homes**  
5:30 pm Confirmation Meeting  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, December 17**

7:30 am Men's Bible Study-Howard's on Main  
9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool

**Friday, December 18**

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Worship

**Sunday, December 20**

8:30 am Early Service Fellowship Hall  
Sunday School Classes – 10:00-10:45 am  
Children-Asbury Building  
Cornerstone  
Drake Class-Zoom and in-person  
Dula Class-Zoom from Harley Family Center  
Genesis to Revelation Class-Zoom  
Is Jesus Calling You-Library  
Paul Frey  
Youth

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

*To learn more about future events planned at Main Street, visit us on our website at [www.mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://www.mainstreetgreenwood.org).*

**Main Street United Methodist Church Staff**

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