



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 20, 2020

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purple

ENTRANCE

Welcome Visitors, Church Concerns and Announcements

Pastor James

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Rodney Cleveland, organist

Call to Worship

Glenn Williams, Lay Reader

Leader: With gratitude and joy, come sing to the Lord.

People: With songs of praise, we come.

Leader: With thankfulness and cheer, lift hymns to God on high.

People: With songs of praise, we come.

Leader: With hope and joyful hearts, sing to Christ our King.

People: With songs of praise, we come.

Call to Praise

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Asa Stallworth and Michelle Stallworth

A Lesson from Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer: God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love, teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world. God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come. Amen.

Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(refrain)

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Glenn Williams

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the

Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

Advent Grace

Debbie McFadden, Debbie Tharpe, and Brab Crooks

Sermon

The Reason It Just Won't Work

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**

In the Bleak Midwinter

**In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.**

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, give Him my heart.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand if you are able*

Chancel Flowers

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

Today's service and on-line giving can be found on our website, www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.

Serving This Sunday, December 20

Sound System Operator: Brian Andrews
Media Team: Pastor Gray

2020 Stewardship Report as of 12/13/2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$575,735	\$868,100
YTD EXPENSES:	\$568,881	\$868,100
YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$6,854	

Apportionments Report as of 12/13/2020

\$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 12/13/2020

8:30 am Service	24
11:00 am Service	75

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 22nd.

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 21

Tuesday, December 22

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

The Church is closed for the holidays.
Virtual Christmas Eve Service on Main Street's Website www.mainstreetgreenwood.org

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

The Church is closed for the holidays.

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am Early Service Fellowship Hall
Sunday School Classes – Zoom

Cornerstone-Zoom

Drake Class-Zoom

Dula Class-Zoom from Harley Family Center

Genesis to Revelation Class-Zoom

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.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service will be professionally recorded and available to watch on our website. Check mainstreetgreenwood.org beginning December 24th and participate at home and celebrate our Savior's birth!

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship

John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries

Rodney Cleveland, Organist

Josie Shirley, Children's Program Coordinator

Preston Goforth, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant

Jo Patterson, Office Assistant

Linda Miller, Financial Secretary

David Weathers, Building Superintendent

Michael Fisher, Building Caretaker

Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director