



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 27, 2020

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas

White

ENTRANCE

Welcome Visitors, Church Concerns and Announcements

Pastor Gray

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Paul Peart III, Jarvernique Tinsley, and Harris Banks, instrumentalists

Opening Prayer

Call to Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

O Holy Night
Myra Greene

Sermon

I Saw the Light

Pastor Gray

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**

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.**

***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 27

Sound System Operator: Jeff Smith

Media Team: Asa Stallworth

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 is posted and is available to watch on our website and Facebook.

THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Friday, January 1 New Year's Day

The Church is closed for the holiday.

Sunday, January 3

8:30 am Virtual Early Service

Sunday School Classes – Zoom

Cornerstone-Zoom

Drake Class-Zoom

Dula Class-Zoom from Harley Family Center

Genesis to Revelation Class-Zoom

To learn more about future events planned at Main Street, visit us on our website at www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship

John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries

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