



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**December 6, 2020**

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

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Purple

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## ENTRANCE

**Welcome Visitors, Church Concerns and Announcements**

Pastor James

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

*God's Son Came Among Us*  
Rodney Cleveland, organist

Bach

**Call to Worship**

Jean Griffin, 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 is faithful and calls us into the loving presence of Jesus, who is the Christ.

**People: We come to join with those who watch and wait and celebrate. Amen.**

**Call to Praise**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

Robert and Kathy Bailey

A Lesson from Mark 1:4

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the way. May the word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

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

**Prayer: God of Hope, Prince of Peace, you speak peace into the world as you come to us in the infant Jesus. Help us embody your peace as peacemakers that we may be known as your sons and daughters. God of Peace, God of Hope, into our darkness come. Amen.**

**Response**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*(refrain)*

## PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Jean Griffin

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the

word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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.*

**Sermon**

*The Crying We Need to Hear*

Pastor James

### **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

### **Holy Communion**

**Anthem**

*Carol for Advent*  
Myra Greene, soloist

Besig

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Bach

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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### **Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers today are given by Ron and Jean Osborne and Toby and Helen White to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents.

### **Church Council Meeting**

All church officers, staff, and committee chairs, please attend the Church Council Meeting - **today, Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm, Zoom meeting.**

Today's service and on-line giving can be found on our website, [www.mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://www.mainstreetgreenwood.org).  
Flower calendar for 2021 will be available soon.

**Serving This Sunday, December 6**

**Sound System Operator:** Stuart Driver  
**Media Team:** Pastor Gray

**2020 Stewardship Report as of 11/29/2020**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$543,941	\$833,376
YTD EXPENSES:	\$548,232	\$833,376
YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$(4,291)	

**Apportionments Report as of 11/29/2020**

\$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 11/29/2020**

8:30 am Service	33
11:00 am Service	101

**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.

**Connie Maxwell Christmas Lights Tour**

Meet in the parking lot beside the playground on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm to caravan to see the Christmas lights at Connie Maxwell.

**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 7**

9:00 pm-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool  
6:00 pm The Essentials-Zoom  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 911-Scout Room

**Tuesday, December 8**

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool  
12:30 pm Staff Christmas Lunch  
6:00 pm Celebration Circle-Zoom

**Wednesday, December 9**

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve filming  
**6:30 pm Connie Maxwell Christmas Lights Tour and hot chocolate**

**Thursday, December 10**

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

**Friday, December 11**

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool  
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Worship

**Sunday, December 13**

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

**3:00 pm Church Christmas Caroling for Homebound**

*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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| James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor                        | Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant |
| Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship                 | Jo Patterson, Office Assistant          |
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