



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**November 28, 2021**  
**First Day of Advent**

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

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Purple

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## ENTRANCE

**Prelude**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
Rodney Cleveland, organist

Bach

**Welcome Visitors, Church Concerns and Announcements**

Pastor James

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**\*Call to Worship**

Preston Goforth, Lay Reader

Leader: Clothe yourself with faith and love;

**People: be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: The Lord is with us!

**People: Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn No. 567**

*Heralds of Christ*  
Crucifer: Olivia Sprouse  
Acolyte: Annabelle Chappell

**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. 206**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

vs. 1

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

Cathy and David Painter

A Lesson from Isaiah 60:2-3

Reader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show the way of salvation.

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

**Sung Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:1-8

Preston Goforth

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Children's Moments**

Pastor James

*All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through 1<sup>st</sup> Graders may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

**Anthem**

*Emmanuel, Expected Jesus*

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**RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 196**                      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Rodney Cleveland, organist

**\*Offering 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. 206**                      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**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.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response Hymn No. 217**                      *Away in a Manger*                      vs. 3  
 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**\*Postlude**                      *On Jordan's Banks, the Baptist's Cry*                      Tambling  
 Rodney Cleveland, organist

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Anne Drake's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 29<sup>th</sup> from her children.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are so glad you are worshipping with us. If you would like to learn more about Main Street ministries, get connected to a Bible Study, or request prayer, please visit [mainstreetgreenwood.org/connection-card/](http://mainstreetgreenwood.org/connection-card/). Or call the Church Office at 864-229-7551 and speak with one of our staff members.

A video recording of today's service is available on our website,  
[www.mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://www.mainstreetgreenwood.org).

## Serving This Sunday, November 28

**Sound System Operator:** Stuart Driver

**Media Team:** Susan Albon

**Welcome Center:** Mary Dula

**Prayer Sentinel:** Glenn Williams

**Acolyte Parent Volunteer:** Caroline Chappell

**Extended Session:** Melissa Scott & Hannah Crooks

**Sanctuary Stewards:** Ann and Charlie West

### 2021 Stewardship Report as of 11/21/2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$591,124	\$817,829
YTD EXPENSES:	\$586,151	\$817,829
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$ 4,973	

### Apportionments Report as of 11/21/2021

\$99,646	Apportionments due by 12/31/21
<u>\$24,912</u>	Apportionments Paid to Date
\$74,734	Balance of Apportionments due

**Note:** \$6,362 member contributions to Apportionments are held in a Restricted Account until a full month's payment of \$8,304 is collected, and then sent as a monthly payment to the Conference. If the contributions do not reach a full month's payment, we distribute the contributions proportionally among the various line items for a partial payment at the end of the year.

### Attendance 11/21/2021

9:00 am Prayer Service	20
Sunday School	93
11:00 am Service	160

### Church Council Meeting

If you're a church officer, staff, committee chair or just want to come...be one of the faces at your Church Council table - **Thursday, Dec 2, 5:00 pm.**

### Children's Ministry

Children's Christmas Play rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. We will be singing with Gina and rehearsing our parts with Myra and Lisa.

### Sunday Childcare

for infants through two-year olds from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm, is in the Asbury Building. All children must be signed in & out.

## THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

### Monday, November 29

7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool-Asbury Building  
5:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting-Library  
6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting-Drake  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911-Scout Room  
7:00 pm Engage Monday Night Essentials-Zoom

### Tuesday, November 30

7:00 am College Bible Study-Howard's on Main  
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool-Asbury Building  
9:30 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting-Library  
6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship-SWB

### Wednesday, December 1

7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool-Asbury Building  
5:15 pm Adult Handbells-Upstairs Bell Loft  
6:00 pm Engage Wednesday Thrive-G2R Class  
6:00 pm Engage Women of Christmas-FH  
6:00 pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Elevate Youth-Youth Room  
6:45 pm Elevate After-Party-Youth Room & Gym  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

### Thursday, December 2

7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool-Asbury Building  
10:00 am Engage Thursday Half Truths-Drake Class  
12:00 pm Engage Men's Essentials-G2R Class  
5:00 pm Church Council Meeting-Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts 1389-Asbury Building  
7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Gym

### Friday, December 3

7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool-Asbury Building

### Saturday, December 4

10:00 am Kairos Christmas Gathering-FH  
4:00 pm Youth Poinsettia Delivery and  
Connie Maxwell Outing

### Sunday, December 5

9:00 am 9 O'clock Service-Sanctuary  
10:00 am Sunday School Classes  
11:00 am 11 O'clock Service-Sanctuary  
5:30 pm Elevate Youth-Youth Room/Asbury Gym  
7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Gym

*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

James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship

Gina Jolly, Director of Music Ministries

Rodney Cleveland, Organist

Preston Goforth, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

Melissa Scott, Children's Ministries Coordinator

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