



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

Thursday, December 24, 2015

6:00pm

www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

A WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Color: White

*Stand as able

Welcome to Main Street UMC

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

"We believe and confess that God the Son truly assumed full humanity in Jesus Christ."

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Richie Pinckney

PRELUDE

Silent Night (arr. Kuehmann)

Emily Wallace: Organist, Rhonda McGinnis: Flute

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the king of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Luke 2:11-12

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord.

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"Be not afraid," said the angel to the shepherds,
for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all the people;

**for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord."**

***CAROL, No. 238**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: Libby Hartung, Ella Bassett

Banner Bearer: Joe Hartung

*MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
send into the darkness of this troubled world the light of your Son.
Let the star of hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth.
So direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us,
as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger of Christ Jesus,
who now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.** (All pray in silence.)

*CANTICLE OF THE HOLY TRINITY, No. 80

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

THE ADVENT WREATH ON CHRISTMAS EVE Debbie Tharpe, Mac Tharpe & Children

Lighting the Four Advent Candles

Lesson *For to us a Child is Born* Isaiah 9:6-7
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Let us pray together:

**God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love,
Our time of waiting is almost over.
May we as your people proclaim your greatness.
May we see You in those who are weak, humble, poor, and hungry,
who come empty-handed and expect to be fed
We pray for the Light of the World, to shine into our lives,
and then through our lives into the darkness of our world.
May the word indeed become flesh and dwell among us. Amen.**

Hymn No. 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Stanza 6 Only

SERMON LESSON *The Christmas Story* Luke 2:1-21
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSES AND OFFERINGS

CAROL, No. 240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*
A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD ON CHRISTMAS EVE 2015
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO A CHRISTMAS EVE MISSIONS OFFERING

OFFERTORY *All My Heart Again Rejoices (arr. D. Lasky)* Chancel Choir
John McFadden: Director, Emily Wallace: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 246** *Joy to the World* Stanza 1 Only

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Musical Setting B: 18-20

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
Servers: John & Susan Thompson, Richard & Susan Pinckney, David & Jeannie
Patterson, Jim & Kathy Kelly, Table Assistant: John McFadden

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Born in Bethlehem (Powell)* John McFadden: Solo

CANDLE LIGHTING AND SENDING FORTH

***LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** John 1:7-8

“In him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.”**

SPREADING THE LIGHT Tilt your candle towards the lit one

CAROL, No. 239 *Silent Night*
(Lift your candles on the last stanza as a sign of your intention to carry Christ's light into 2016.)

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor
POSTLUDE *He is Born (arr. Hudson)* Emily Wallace: Organist

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!