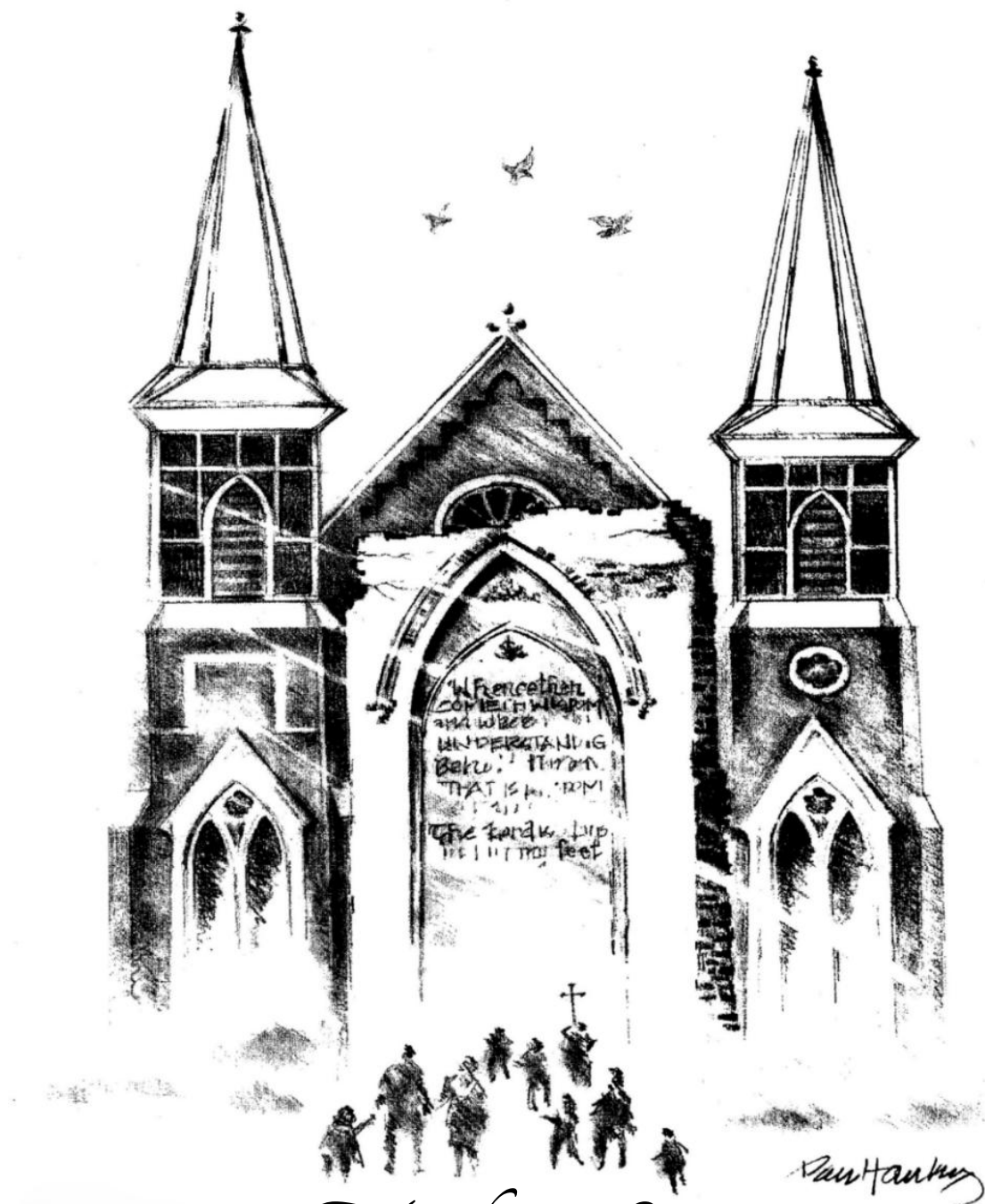




Madison Street

United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ November 30, 2025 ~ 10:15 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

A professionally staffed **nursery** is located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.
Our nursery is available for children and infants through age 3. **Restrooms** are also located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.

ENTRANCE

The Chiming of the Hour

The Words of Gathering & Invitation to Worship

The Rev. Harriet Bryan

The Prelude

“Rejoice, Rejoice – Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Laudate Handbells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Madison Frank, Student Director

+The Call to Worship (+Indicates stand as your able)

Lucretia Campbell

Leader: As we begin our Advent journey, let us hold fast to this promise:

People: God is with us every step of our way toward the Hope of Bethlehem.

Leader: Jesus is being born into our lives even now.

People: The Spirit is transforming us in this place.

+The Processional Hymn No. 196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

The cross leads the procession as a reminder that Jesus Christ, the Word of God and savior of humanity, is at the center of our worship.

The acolytes light two candles on the altar to symbolize the dual nature of Jesus, fully human and fully divine.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Dylan, Taylor & Rhett Henry

The journey begins, and this candle will help light our way.

We are on our way to more hope.

Decrees and decisions still shape our world and our lives, just as they did in Jesus’ day.

We are a people who long for Good News.

There are signs that guide us toward a better day.

And God’s light goes before us—we are not alone.

We light this candle as a reminder of the hope God plants in us
and the hope that leads us on.

Lighting of the first Advent candle.

God’s light goes before us; we are not alone.

Congregational Response

Come, Lord Jesus, and fill us with your hope.

Sung Response

“Light the Light, the Fire of Life”

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Tune found on Hymn No. 228.

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.

Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

Light the candle of His hope, light the light of prophet’s story,
light the candle of His hope, light the light that we all must hold.

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.

Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

+The Opening Prayer

Lucretia Campbell

Holy and Living God, we pray for the renewal of our world.
Too often, we let fear or complacency prevent us from
calling out the injustices of our time.
Give us courage for action, even in the midst of our longing.
Call us to a “census of hope.”
Call us to our senses
so that we may see, hear, know,
the power of your presence with us, Emmanuel.
We pray this in the name of your Son,
Jesus, the Christ, the Hope of our Lives. Amen.

+The Words of Assurance

Lucretia Campbell

Hear these words of assurance:
God walks with us every step of our way toward the Hope of Bethlehem.
Jesus is being born into our lives even now.
The Spirit is transforming us in this place.

Peace be with you!
And also with you.

As people forgiven and freed,
I invite you to pass the Peace of Christ among you

The Act of Praise

“Gloria”

Madison Street Choir

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the Highest

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Epistle Lesson

Madison Frank

Romans 8:18-25

+The Gospel Lesson

Madison Frank

Luke 2:1-3

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Next Gen Kids Moment

Carla Jackson

*After the Next Gen Kids moment, children ages Pre-K through Grade 5
will be dismissed to Kids Core to worship in an exciting, child-oriented way!*

At the conclusion of worship, dismissal locations are: Pre-K: Rm. 305, Kindergarten: Rm. 308, Grades 1-5: Rm. 307

*Pre-K – Kindergarten: **Eliezer Prays** Grades 1 – 5: **Advent I***

+Hymn No. 230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

The Sermon

“Finding God in Places We’d Rather Not Be”

Rev. Bryan

+The Affirmation of Faith

Lucretia Campbell

We believe in God above us,
creator and lover of the earth,
origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
God coming to us
in the fragile promise
of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death and hell,
he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way
to the land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer No. 895

Lucretia Campbell

*If you have a prayer request to share with our pastors, please email us at prayer@madisonstreetumc.org
or fill out a prayer card found in the R.O.W. books and place in the offering plate.*

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

Rev. Bryan

*Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and world.
To give online, go to madisonstreetumc.org/giving or scan the QR code located on the green online giving card.
To give from your phone, text GIVE2MSUMC to 73256.*

The Offertory

“Reflections on Veni, Veni Emmanuel”

Daniel Jackson, Saxophone

arr. Daniel Jackson

+The Doxology

AWAY IN A MANGER

Tune found on Hymn No. 217

Praise God for these gifts that we offer today
and bless them for good in the world, this we pray.
Praise Jesus, the Christ-Child, our Hope and our Stay,
the Spirit, our Keeper, our Guide on the Way.

SENDING FORTH

+The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bryan

+The Hymn No. 211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

+The Benediction

Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

“Away in a Manger – The Bells of Christmas”

Laudate Handbells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Madison Frank, Student Director

*The acolytes lead us into the world carrying the light of Christ as a reminder
that God sends each of us into the world to share Christ's light with others.*

The nativity on the altar is given to the glory of God in loving memory of David Howard IV by the Howard family.

The nativity on the front lawn is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Carl Gadsey by his family.

Special thanks to the MSUMC Altar Guild for the work in preparing the sanctuary of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

To donate flowers in December contact Charlsie Halliburton; (931) 801-4063 or misscharlsie@yahoo.com.

Worship Leaders in Today's Service:

The Rev. Harriet Bryan ~ Senior Pastor

Lucretia Campbell ~ Congregational Care

Ashley Menard & Bruce Anderson ~ Technical Team

Dylan, Taylor & Rhett Henry ~ Advent Candle Lighters

Noah & Emmett Greenfield ~ Acolytes

Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist

Daniel Jackson ~ Saxophonist

Madison Frank ~ Laudate Handbells Student Director & Scripture Reading

Laudate Handbells

Madison Street Choir

Today's liturgy is adapted from Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio (USA).

The Affirmation of Faith draws from language from the Iona Community (Iona, Scotland) and from Nathan Nettleton of the South Yarra Community Baptist Church (Melbourne, Australia).

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This Week at *Madison Street*

Sunday, November 30

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Children's Festival of Christmas Rehearsal (Rm. 306)
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Sunday Morning Choir Makeup Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
	No UMYF – Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 1

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Seasonal Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
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Wednesday, December 3

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Rm. 107)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 4

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Messiah Concert (Sanctuary)
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Saturday, December 6

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Christmas for Kids (Fellowship Hall)
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Sunday, December 7

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
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4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	UMYF (MSUMC)

Welcome New Members: Last week, we were thrilled to baptize Wesley Asman (son of Jill & Logan Asman) and Ken Akers and to welcome as new members Ken & Kathleen Akers, Logan Asman, Dylan & Taylor Henry and their children Rhett & Ayla, and Nick & Stephanie Welfare.

**Madison St. UMC Adult Ministries
Fellowship Luncheon**

Christmas Carols
Rev. Dr. Tim Sharp

Monday, December 15 2025
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
MSUMC Fellowship Hall

**Register by
Dec. 10**

Suggested Donation: \$10



Scan the QR code to Register for Adult Luncheon
or call the church office at (931) 647-0221.

101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) BAND
PRESENTS

HOLIDAY *Classics*

Thursday, December 11th 2025 at 7:00 pm
Madison Street United Methodist Church
319 Madison St. Clarksville, TN 37040

FREE ADMISSION



Scan the QR code to
reserve your seats.

**Madison Street UMC's
Festival of Christmas**

Sunday, Dec. 14 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.
Celtic inspired music by MSUMC's Adult and Children's Choirs
featuring local band Red River Breeze.

Sunday December 21, 5:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas

This quiet service makes space for those
who carry sorrow, grief, or weariness
into the holidays. Together we will remember
that God's light meets us even in the longest night.

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Madison Street UMC Chapel



Madison Street
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Thursday
December 4
7 p.m.

Handel's Messiah

Free public concert featuring the Madison Street UMC Choir.
Conducted by The Rev. Dr. Tim Sharp.

CHRISTMAS 4 KIDS IS COMING - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL EVENT
SERVING LOCAL FAMILIES!

Donation Reminders:
Gift or monetary donations are due by **Sunday, Nov. 30**. Leave unwrapped gifts in the boxes in the narthex or Commerce St. entrance.

Key Reminders for Volunteers:

Event set-up:
Friday, Dec. 5 in the Fellowship Hall **3-7pm** (arrive when you can). Pizza will be served!

Day of Event:
Saturday, Dec. 6, arrive at **7:30am**, lunch will be served for volunteers.
If you have time constraints, email carrierose931@gmail.com for accommodations.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and donated!



CHRISTMAS EVE

Communion & Candlelight Services
December 24, 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.



2025 Christmas Tribute Poinsettias

Poinsettias are **\$25 each** and will be displayed **December 21st and 24th**.

Orders are due by Friday, December 12th.

Drop off your poinsettia order form with cash or check to the church office, or order online at madisonstreetumc.org or scan the QR code below.

