

November 5, 2023

10:55 am

All Saints Sunday

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Prelude

Sine Nomine Keith Maxey, organist Corl,(C) 1995 H. W. Gray Publications

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. The risen Christ is with us. Praise the Lord!

\* Processional Hymn No. 711

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

\* Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Victoria Smathers

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

\* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Stewardship Moment

Wayne Boger

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Wayne Purdy

Kids' Time

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Victoria Smathers

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; every color, shape, and size, They are precious in his eyes. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are dismissed to *Kids Connect-Worship*. Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.

Scripture

Revelation 21: 1-6a Pew Bible, NT page 259 name

Anthem

Largo from the "New World Symphony"
Main Street Handbell Choir; Nancy Blakemore, director

Dvorak/arr. Kinyon/"Going Home"

Homily

"Making All Things New"

Mike Gehring

\* Hymn No. 729

O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

**JERUSALEM** 

(You are invited to bring your 2024 Financial Commitment Cards to the Communion Rail during this hymn)

\* Offering Invitation

Wayne Purdy

Offertory Anthem Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us

Hobby

Chancel Choir; Rich Blakemore, trumpet; Keith Maxey, organ; Nancy Blakemore, director

\*Doxology No. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Wayne Purdy

### The Great Thanksgiving for All Saints Day

Mike Gehring and Wayne Purdy

(Wayne) The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

(Mike) On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—John Owensby, Jim Waddell, John Largen, Ralph Bryant, Evelyn Houseward, Dean Piatt, Dale Moody, Flo Johnston, Ann Brown, Carole Stack, Louise Conger, Ann Vaughan, Ken Flynt, Jeff Powell, Doris Jones, Patti Burns, Pat Thomas, Bettie Perry, Heather Camp, and we also light a candle for all of those who we have lost in this past year and in the years before.

#### The Lord's Praver

Wavne Purdy

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.

#### Sharing the Meal

Music for Meditation, Keith Maxev

In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail. Pre-packaged Communion elements are available upon request from the basket at the communion rail.

Prayer after Communion

Wayne Purdy

\* Hymn No. 708

Rejoice in God's Saints

**HANOVER** 

\* Benediction

Mike Gehring

\* Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude

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\* please stand as you are able

# Welcome to worship at Main Street United Methodist Church!

When Christians worship, we step into an alternative world. Liturgy and ritual, hymns and prayers invite us into another landscape. Jesus' words and the experience of his presence peel back the rhetoric that pummels our eardrums so that we are able to hear him say to us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27, NRSV)

#### Thank you for worshiping with us today at Main Street UMC!

If you are a visitor, please sign the attendance pad in the pew so that we can contact you at a later date in order to discuss the ministries of Main Street UMC.

Restrooms are located in the back left corner of the Narthex.

**Should you need to step out during worship**, you can go to the Parlor and still view and hear the worship service. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

**Main Street UMC's Sanctuary** is an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Camera angles may capture your image as you worship. Our weekly services are routinely shared with others via livestream and DVD. If you would like a DVD of today's 10:55 service, please contact Kathryn at 993-3411 in the church office.

**Confidential prayer requests** can be made by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by clicking the "contact" tab on mainstreetumc.org .

Children's Ministry: We are so happy to share God's love with our children! Main Street is a Safe Sanctuary Congregation.

- *Nursery* (8:30-noon) is available for infants-3 year olds in the Education Building. The nursery is staffed with experienced caregivers and lay volunteers.
- Kids Connect is our Sunday School (9:45-10:45am) program for children ages 3 years old to 5th grade in the Education building. Kids Connect offers a large group Bible lesson, worship, and small group activities.
- *Kids Connect-Worship* is offered during the 10:55am service for wiggly kids ages 3 years to 1st grade who can't quite remain in worship the entire time. Kids of all ages are invited to the front for *Moments with Children* before the younger children are dismissed to the Education Building for *Kids Connect-Worship* activities.

# Let's Worship Together!

Wednesdays (September-May)

5:30pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

### Sundays

8:30am less-formal Traditional service in the Sanctuary 8:45am Jubilee Contemporary service in the Chapel 10:55am Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary

#### **Thursdays**

7:00pm NOW: Night of Worship contemporary service in the Chapel (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

#### **Main Street UMC Staff**

Mike Gehring, Senior Pastor
Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor
Al Ward, Minister of Visitation
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Victoria Smathers, Director of Children's Ministries
Nancy Blakemore, Director of Music Ministries
Keith Maxey, Organist
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Willie Craven, Custodian
Theo Dunlap, Custodian
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess
Katherine Goad, Nursery Supervisor

# **Announcements**

**THE RED ROSEBUD** on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Molly Dixon Sullivan, new daughter of Will & Sarah Kathryn Sullivan.

**TONIGHT IS OUR HARVEST FEAST** in the Fellowship Hall! This will be a great time to come together as a church family and see friends who attend all of our different worship services! We will gather for fellowship at 5:00pm and will start the meal at 5:30pm. This will be a true covered-dish dinner so bring your most delicious entrees, sides, and desserts to share. Go to mainstreetumc.org and click on "signups" on the red stripe to let us know that you will be joining us for the Harvest Feast!

**BE SURE TO PICK UP** a copy of the new *Ministry Opportunities Survey* from the Narthex or Commons and let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with the church. This survey has over seventy opportunities for you to serve and connect with your church family. Complete the survey to sign up for something new or tell us that you want to continue with the ministries where you already serve---we want to hear from everyone! Surveys are due by November 30.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on Nov. 8 is Chicken Wild Rice Casserole (gluten-free entrée is available upon request). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations must be made by Monday at noon. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). Cornerstone SS class serving.

**OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON**—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **November 9** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

**FROZEN CASSEROLE SALE**: The United Women of Faith will sell frozen casseroles on <u>November 12</u> in the room beside the Library from 9:30am until 12:30pm. Selections will include Mrs. Mary's Chicken, Melt in Your Mouth, Poppyseed Chicken, and Swiss Chicken Casseroles (small \$12 and large \$15). Sweet Potato Casserole will also be available (small \$10 and large \$12).

**HERITAGE CLUB OUTING** on **November 14** to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory for shopping & lunch. Bus will leave the church at 9:00. Cost for bus will be \$5 and you will pay for your lunch at the restaurant. Contact Debbie Smith for more information (*call church office for Debbie's phone number*).

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** on November 18 from 5 to 8pm. Register at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

WE WILL HAVE OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on November 19, followed by a meeting of our Church Council at the conclusion of Charge Conference. As is always the case, Charge Conference sessions are open meetings in The United Methodist Church. If you are not a member of our Church Council/Charge Conference, but wish to observe this Charge Conference session, please attend. However, only Church Council/Charge Conference members will be able to vote.

**POINSETTIAS AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS:** As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for \$10.00 each. Orders are due no later than **November 26**. You can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate today or you can place your order using the "sign ups" tab on our church website (<a href="www.mainstreetumc.org">www.mainstreetumc.org</a>). If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and **we will list the gifts** (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 19 newsletter.

**RETURN YOUR FILLED SHOEBOXES** for Operation Christmas Child by <u>December 3</u> at NOON. Filled boxes can be placed under the table in the Narthex.

**CRISIS CONTROL** Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. November's items are sugar, flour, and baking items; other non-perishable food items can be donated as well. Items may be dropped off at any time during office hours (8:30-4:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-noon on Friday).

# Lyrics

# FOR ALL THE SAINTS

- 1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

# O DAY OF PEACE THAT DIMLY SHINES

- 1. O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
- 2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

# REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS

- 1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- 2. Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray. Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood; our world is their parish; their purpose is God.
- 3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own. They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares; what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
- 4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.