



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Phil Kuntz

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Nun danket alle Gott

Keith Maxey, organist

Kellner

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Your glory shines from below and grows from above.

You bring wisdom from the youngest and most vulnerable of us.

You call forth delight in those who live both long and deep.

We look to your creation and find you everywhere.

We see you in the moon and the stars.

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

* Processional Hymn No. 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

Gracious God, you have given us the world. Yet too often, we have taken it for granted, and failed to respect your great gift. We have received authority but thought it power. We have received responsibility but decided it belonged to someone else. We have received your calling but considered it control. It is easy, O God, to take the power and leave the responsibility. It is easy to forget that disciples are made in many ways, not just our own. We have not always remembered that you have entrusted your cherished creation to us. We have not always remembered that the word "entrusted" includes "trust." We have not always believed that you have trusted us, and that you trust us still. Remind us, O God, that we are part of creation, not separate from it; that we are part of your people, not separate from them. Forgive us when we take your gifts and your people for granted, and help us start again. *All pray in silence.*

When we forget our blessings, we have only to look to God to find them again; we have only to remember that God already blesses us, already loves us, already cares for us. God is with us to the end of the age. God's presence will be made full again. And so will our hearts. **Amen.**

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Victoria Smathers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** universal*

* Sung Response *Maker, in Whom We Live, vs. 4* DIADEMATA
Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love. When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face, sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

* Sharing the Peace Victoria Smathers

Joys/Concerns/Prayer Phil Kuntz

The Lord's Prayer

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.

WE HEAR FROM GOD

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 Matthew 28: 16-20 Sally Brown
Pew Bible, NT page 34

Anthem *Bless This House* Taylor/Brahe/arr. Strommen
Chancel Choir; Keith Maxey, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon "A Command Given" Mike Gehring

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 584 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Offering Invitation Wayne Purdy
Offertory *It Is Well With My Soul* VILLE DU HARVE
Rich Blakemore, trumpet; Keith Maxey, piano

*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

* Hymn No.102 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

* Benediction Mike Gehring

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *St. George's Windsor* Corl,(C) 2015 Birnamwood Publications

* 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!

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

Wednesdays (September-May)

5:30pm Oasis Mid-week 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
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Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

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Announcements

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Harper Lee Phillips, great-granddaughter of Glenn & Cheryl McKinney. Parents are Justin & Ashton Phillips, grandparents are Shannon & Amy Phillips.

BAKED GOODS FOR THANKSGIVING are available for purchase in the Commons **TODAY** as a fundraiser for Circle #8. There will be assorted homemade cakes, pies, and cookies available until they are sold out.

WE WILL HAVE OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall **TONIGHT**, 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.

WE WILL NOT HAVE our *Oasis Service* or *Wednesday Connect Dinner* on **November 22**. Both will resume on Nov. 29.

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 (www.mainstreetumc.org). 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.***

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 HERITAGE CLUB will have Dinner at Cody Creek on **December 1**. Our seating is at 6:00pm. Carpool from church at 4:30 or ride the bus for \$5 each. Reservations are required and you will pay for your dinner at the restaurant. Contact Debbie Smith to make a reservation (*call church office for Debbie's phone number*).

HANGING OF THE GREENS—Everyone is invited to join the Altar Guild on Saturday, **December 2** starting at 9:00am as we come together and decorate our church sanctuaries and campus for the holiday season.

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

JOB OPENINGS: We would like to hire a Chancel Chorale Accompanist/Pianist and a Technology Ministries Director. The complete job descriptions for these part-time positions can be found under "NEWS" at mainstreetumc.org or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details (336-993-3411).

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*).

ADVENT MUSIC: On **December 10** at the 8:30 and 10:55 services in the Sanctuary, Main Street's combined choirs will present *Sing We Now of Christmas*, a service of Christmas Carols and tunes from France. In addition to the combined choirs, we will have a chamber orchestra along with organ and piano. That same morning, the Jubilee Band will present Contemporary Christmas songs at 8:45 in the Chapel. Throughout the season of Advent, service music will highlight Christmas carols from around the world.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING: The holidays are approaching and for some of us they may look different this year. The loss of a loved one, a diagnosis, divorce, loss of a job, or other major life event may have changed our lives. Grief, sadness, tiredness, and anxiety are a few words that may describe the feelings you are experiencing. You may feel the need for gentle instead of jolly. Your Pastors and Stephen Ministers invite you to approach the holidays with HOPE. Please join us for a Service of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, **December 12**, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come hear the music, a message of hope, receive Communion, and have the opportunity for prayer and lighting a candle for loved ones, for a gentle entry into the holidays.

Lyrics

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.