



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Ann Ballard

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Henry Tysinger, guest organist

Manz

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Victoria Smathers

Generous God of abundance and life, thank you for the many gifts of our lives. Thank you for this time of worship. Thank you for your constant presence. Thank you for your healing love. Thank you, thank you, thank you. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

Creator of life and giver of all that we have, thank you for your amazing grace and your abundant love. When we reject your many gifts, forgive us. Open our lives once more to your generosity. When we neglect to give as generously as we have received, forgive our selfishness. Draw us back to the generous love that first drew us into the mystery of your love and the marvels of your world. When we forget to give thanks, forgive us. Turn our thoughts back to you with joy and thanksgiving. In your grace and love, we pray. *All pray in silence.* Children of God, look up and give thanks for healing and forgiveness. Your faith has made you well. **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 25: 31-46 Lauren Elmore
Pew Bible, NT page 29

Anthem *O Worship the King* LYONS/arr. Lau
Chancel Choir; Henry Tysinger, organ; Rich Blakemore, trumpet; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon “An Unpopular Message” Mike Gehring

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 157 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET
(You are invited to bring your 2024 Financial Commitment Cards to the Communion Rail during this hymn)

Offering Invitation Wayne Purdy
Offertory *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Callahan

*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. 715 *Rejoice the Lord Is King* DARWALL’S 148TH

* Benediction Mike Gehring

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun* Knight

* 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
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

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Announcements

THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Millie Silfies.

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Josephine Mischelle Joyce, great-granddaughter of Willie & Missy Craven. Parents are Damon Joyce and Abby Johnson.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH! Pick up a pre-stamped MSUMC postcard in the Narthex, Chapel, and at the Welcome Desk in the Commons so you can mail it to friend and invite them to church. In addition to our regular worship services, there are several special services during this Advent season—invite someone to the Cantata, or the Service of Hope & Healing, or the Children's program, or to one of our three special Christmas Eve services!

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 **TODAY**. 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.***

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **Nov. 29** is Sloppy Joes (*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). *Great Expectations SS class serving.*

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 MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **November 30**. Everyone is invited to read Wendell Berry's book, *Jayber Crow*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

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. What a fun and exciting way to meet new people and catch the holiday spirit!

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. December's items are canned mixed vegetables; 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.

Lyrics

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all. Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all. Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

JESUS SHALL REIGN

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!