



— THIRD SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

*December 17, 2023
Jubilee Worship Service
Main Street United Methodist Church*

Scripture

John 1: 1-5

Jeff Weavil

Sermon

A Good Word

Mike Gehring

*We are happy you have joined us for our Jubilee! Worship Service today!
Please sign the Connection Pad so that we may have a record of your presence.*

Today's Jubilee Worship Leaders:

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Dr. Michael Gehring, Senior Pastor

Lighting the Advent Wreath:

Our Mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*
Our Vision: *Fostering vital communities through love and life-changing experiences.*

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)

Announcements

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Lorenzo Markus Langlais, new grandson of Bob & Juanita Langlais. Parents are Mickey & Adriana Langlais.

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!

TAKE A HIKE: our walking group will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am on **December 19** to walk on the new Greenway near the church. Old and new friends are invited to come along!

WE WILL NOT HAVE our *Oasis Worship Service* or our *Wednesday Connect Dinner* on Dec. 20, 27 and Jan. 3. Both activities will resume on January 10.

OUR PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet on December 21, December 28, January 4, or January 11. Enjoy the holidays and we will resume meeting on January 18.

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **December 21**. Everyone is invited to read Charles Dickens' book, *A Christmas Carol*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

NOW: NIGHT OF WORSHIP CHRISTMAS SERVICE—Join us on Thursday, **December 21** at 7:00pm for a special NOW Christmas Service featuring Christmas Carols with special music by some of MSUMC's children. Nursery is provided.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT MAIN STREET starts at 10:30am as we gather as one church at a combined worship service. Come back at 4:00pm for our Family Christmas Eve Service. This service is led by our youth and is a perfect opportunity for all the children in attendance to become a part of the story! You won't want to miss it! Our Christmas Eve Services will continue at 7:00pm and 11:00pm with our Traditional Candlelight Services. These touching and poignant services with Holy Communion are the perfect way to remember and reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

JOB OPENINGS: We would like to hire a Church Organist, Chancel Chorale Accompanist/Pianist, and a Technology Ministries Director. The complete job descriptions for these 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).

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will not meet on **December 28**.

SING WITH THE LENTEN CHOIR on March 17, *The Music of Ireland*. Rehearsals start the second week of January.

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT, a short-term Disciple Bible Study will be offered on Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting February 28 and ending on May 1. Buck Murchison will facilitate this Bible Study. This class will meet in Room 320, which is the upstairs classroom in the Commons area (elevator access is available). The participant book is \$18.50 and will be available for purchase through the church office. Register for the class at www.mainstreetumc.org and click on the red "signups" tab. Class size will be limited to 12 participants.

THE HERITAGE CLUB will meet for breakfast at the Olympic Restaurant in Kernersville on **January 9** at 9:00am. Pay for your own meal from the menu.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER of Main Street UMC? We will have New Member Sunday on **January 14**. Contact Pastor Phil Kuntz at 336-993-3411 if you would like to discuss church membership.

Lyrics

Because of Your Love

As we come into Your presence
We remember every blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed because of Your love (repeat)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel (repeat)

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every lonely heart

Him the people to deliver, born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thy own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thine glorious throne

Come now great Redeemer, Come Emmanuel
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue, Born to save Your very own
Long expected Jesus Make our hearts Your home

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Early on One Christmas Morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

Three wise men saw the star at night
Star that lit the heavens so bright
Star that led them to where Christ was born
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

In that city of Bethlehem
Wise men brought Him jewels and gems
Born in a manger humble and low
That is why we love Him so