



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Prelude

Slane

Keith Maxey, organist

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Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb calls us this day.

Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.

Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

* Processional Hymn No. 400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

God of a thousand voices, we yearn to hear your call: when we lie down to sleep, when we rise to meet the sun, when we offer our industry, when we gather with family and friends. Speak to us once more, Lord of life, when we mistake your call or dismiss it as a dream. Hem us in with your power and your might, that we may feel your hand leading us and your love guiding our way, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. *All pray in silence.*

God never gives up on us, and Christ never forsakes us. Rejoice and be glad, for we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. **Amen.**

* 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.

Kids' Time

Jesus Loves the Little Children Victoria Smathers & Katherine Goad

**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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism *(see insert)*

Mike Gehring, Phil Kuntz, Victoria Smathers, Wayne Purdy

Scripture

1 Samuel 3: 1-10
Pew Bible, OT page 247

Wayne Purdy

Anthem	<i>We Are Called</i>	Haas/arr. Hayes
Chancel Choir; Keith Maxey, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director		
Introduction of the Preacher		Mike Gehring
Sermon	“Rare Words and Visions”	Rev. Dr. Robert W. Lee
* Hymn No. 593	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	HERE I AM, LORD
Offering Invitation		Wayne Purdy
Offertory	<i>Nettleton</i>	Miller,(C) 2004 Augsburg Fortress
*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		Phil Kuntz
* Hymn No. 451	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
Sacrament of Holy Baptism	Mike Gehring, Phil Kuntz, Wayne Purdy	
Pastor to Congregation: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Jennifer now before you in your care?		
With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Jennifer with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.		
<i>Pastors will baptize Jennifer.</i>		
Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome Jennifer as our new sister in Christ.		
Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God’s new creation and made to share in Christ’s royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.		
Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Jennifer to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.		
We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.		
Reception of New Members	Mike Gehring, Phil Kuntz, Wayne Purdy, Victoria Smathers	
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.		
Benediction		Mike Gehring
Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude	<i>Ceremonial</i>	Nobes,(C) 2009 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

* 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 worshipping 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 Lisa Tolliver's father.

OUR COMMUNITY MLK SERVICE will be **TONIGHT** at 5:00pm in our Sanctuary. Join the Kernersville Christian Ministers Fellowship and friends from other churches in our community as we come together to celebrate the Life and Ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our Guest Speaker will be Corey D. B. Walker, Dean of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. A reception will follow the service in our Commons area.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE: Come to the Sanctuary at 5:30pm on Wednesdays for an intimate 30-minute service with Holy Communion and prayer led by one of our pastors, with music by Chuck Foster, and a short devotion by a member of our congregation. Our Oasis service is meant to be a time of refreshment and encouragement in the middle of a busy week. *Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.*

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **Jan. 17** is Taco Bar (*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). *Christian Fellowship SS class serving.*

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY resumes meeting this Thursday, **January 18** at 11:00 in room 310—join us as we study the scripture passage in advance of Sunday's sermon each week! No preparation needed, join us!

UMM CHICKEN PIES: it's time to place your order for frozen chicken pies again! You can order frozen 9 inch Moravian Chicken Pie, Baked Spaghetti, and/or Brownies for \$15 each, or mix and match 3 for \$42.00. 4 pack 5-inch individual frozen Moravian Chicken Pies are available for \$17.00 and NOT in the mix and match deal mentioned above. Orders can be placed with any UMM member or you can email Frank Robbins (contact church office for email/phone) with your order request, name, and phone number. The last day to order will be February 18. You should plan to pick up your order between 9am and noon on February 24. If you are unable to pickup your items on **February 24**, please make arrangements with the person you ordered your items from to meet you or deliver the items to you or please send someone else to pick up your items on Feb. 24; the office may not be available at your convenience to assist during the week.

SING WITH THE LENTEN CHOIR on March 17, *The Music of Ireland*. Cantata practice is at 7:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays each week, so you can choose which day you would like to rehearse—you can come on either night!

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 YOUTH CHILI COOK-OFF will be a night of great food and great fun! Help the youth raise money for their summer mission trips by making a donation when you attend the chili cook-off. There will be prizes awarded for the best chili. Contact Wayne Purdy at 336-993-3411 for more information about entering the contest. Even if you don't cook any chili, we invite you to come out and enjoy sampling the great variety of chilis on **January 21** at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **January 25**. Everyone is invited to read James Baldwin's book, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

JOIN THE HERITAGE CLUB for Game Night on **January 30** at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite finger food or dessert to share. If you have a game that you like to play, please bring that too!

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **February 8** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

CRISIS CONTROL Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. January's item is Canned Stews; 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).

VOLUNTEER SOUND TECHS are still needed to help with all of our worship services. No experience is required and training is available. Please contact the church office if you are interested.