



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Processional on Hymn to Joy
Keith Maxey, organist

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Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

For God alone our souls wait in silence. **In God alone do our spirits find peace.**
For God alone is our rock and our salvation. **In God alone does our faith remain unshaken.**
Pour out your hearts before God. **For God is our refuge and our strength.**
Put your trust in God. **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

* Processional Hymn No. 189

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

God of unifying grace, we come distracted by the world. Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you. Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Call us follow you once more, redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning. May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. *All pray in silence.*
Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you. Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: You are forgiven. **Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives. Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are. Hear these words: You are forgiven. 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.

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* Sung Response

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise vs. 1

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**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we 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

Jonah 3: 1-10
Pew Bible, OT page 860

Miriam Ward

Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul
Chancel Choir; Keith Maxey, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Bliss/arr. Fettke

Sermon

"Who knows? God may relent?"

Mike Gehring

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn TFWS No. 2238

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

Offering Invitation
Offertory

This Is My Father's World

Wayne Purdy
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*Doxology No. 94

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**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. 144

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

* Benediction

Mike Gehring

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Fanfare Finale

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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!

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

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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

VOLUNTEER PIANIST NEEDED: The Carol Elementary Children's choir is in need of a *volunteer pianist* for the Spring semester. We practice on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 pm. If you have piano skills, a love for children, and a desire to help, please contact Nancy Blakemore in the church office (336-993-3411).

VOLUNTEER COUNTER NEEDED: We are in need of a volunteer to count the offering after the 10:55 service on the FIRST Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the church office (336-993-3411).

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. 31** is Spaghetti (*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*). *Genesis/Crossroads SS classes serving*. This will be a fundraiser dinner for the preschool; donations will be accepted towards scholarships and safety improvements for the preschool. The preschool children will present music and the book fair will be open in the Library.

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.

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).

COME OUT and join us for the *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* hosted by our youth on **February 13** from 5:30-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is free but donations will be accepted towards Youth Missions. You can dine-in or get your pancakes to-go.

ASH WEDNESDAY worship services on **February 14**—join us at our NOON service at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens or come to the 7:00pm service in our Sanctuary!

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.

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **February 18**. Everyone is invited to read Dennis Covington's book, *Salvation on Sand Mountain*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

JOB OPENINGS: We would like to hire a Church Organist 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. 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.

Lyrics

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways? God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.
2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.
3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.
4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.
5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!