

MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday and Scouting Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Victoria Smathers

Scouting Moment

Dan Montague

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Ann Ballard

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Preludio from Organ Sonata in C minor
Brian Vannoy, organist

Guilmant

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Phil Kuntz

Holy One, when the world is full of confusion and your message is hard to perceive, still, we can see you. Still, your presence shines—a light to illuminate the shadows. When we cannot find a way to speak your story, let your being shine in us and through us, that we may reflect your glory, and your grace. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

God of life, you never stop shining. Yet, sometimes we forget to keep looking. It is not always easy to remember to keep our eyes on you—to watch until you are out of sight, to remember that you are never really out of sight. We long for you, O God, especially when we have wandered away and yearn to come home.

Entrust us with a double portion of your Spirit—when we need it most, when we don't even know we need it, when we have no words to ask. Bless us, we pray, and bring us home. *All pray in silence.*

When we have turned away and have lost our way—still, God is with us; still, God will not leave us. When we have stopped looking for God—God is still looking for us, shining as brightly as we need, so we can find and be found again . . . and again. **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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise vs. 1

ST. DENIO

**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

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

Mark 9: 2-9
Pew Bible, NT page 44

Will Tilley

Anthem

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
Chancel Choir; Brian Vannoy, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

G. Martin

Sermon

"On Top of the Mountain"

Phil Kuntz

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 258

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

Offering Invitation

Victoria Smathers

Offertory

Patmos

setting, Sedio

*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

Victoria Smathers

* Hymn TFWS No. 2173

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

* Benediction

Phil Kuntz

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

arr. Manz

* 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
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Announcements

TODAY IS BOY SCOUT SUNDAY! Main Street offers a full complement of the BSA scouting program that includes cub scouts, a troop for boys, a troop for girls and a venturing crew. The cub program is from kindergarten through 5th grade, BSA troops are from 6th grade or age 11 through the end of age 17, and the venturing is a co-ed high adventure program for ages 14-20. All programs are available for male and female youth. For information, contact Wes O'Brien or the church office. Our scouting units appreciate the extensive support of Main Street for many, many years. We are also indebted to many adult leaders that make the programs possible. Our key leaders in the 4 scouting units are Scott Mason, Matt Tucker, Gray Hunter, JD Serrin, Brea McClain, Kevin McClain, Tracy Dicalagero, Diana Edwards and Wes O'Brien.

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).

COME OUT and join us for the *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* hosted by our youth on **February 13** from 6:00-7:00pm 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!

THERE WILL BE no Wednesday Connect Dinner and no Oasis service this week due to Ash Wednesday. Join us in the Sanctuary at 7:30 for the Ash Wednesday service!

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 7pm on **February 15** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

THE HERITAGE CLUB will meet for lunch at the Walkertown Seafood Shack on **February 23** at 11:30am.

STEPHEN VISITOR TRAINING: Our Stephen Visitor program is off to a great start and we are now adding an additional training session for more volunteers! A **Stephen Visitor** is a caring, compassionate person who will be assigned to visit a member of our congregation twice a month. The Pastors and Stephen Leaders invite you to become part of this vital caring ministry. We will hold an orientation that will take place on Sunday, **February 25** from 2:00 - 4:30 P.M. in Room 320. This orientation will provide information and training exercises. If you have questions, contact Pastor Phil Kuntz, Emily Dreshfield, or Melissa Dreshfield. To register for the Stephen Visitor Training session, go to mainstreetumc.org and look for the sign-ups tab on the red stripe.

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **February 29**. Everyone is invited to read Dennis Covington's book, *Salvation on Sand Mountain*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

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.

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.

GET YOUR EASTER BAKED GOODS from Circle #4. Once again, we will be selling Wilkerson's Moravian Baked Goods for delivery prior to Good Friday. We will begin the sale for fundraising in March. More details will follow.

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).

Lyrics

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

O WONDROUS SIGHT! O VISION FAIR

1. O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2. From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.
3. The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace; the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.
4. With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
5. And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery; for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain.