



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost

10:55 am
Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Medley of Two Pentecost Hymns:
Come Down, O Love Divine and Holy Spirit, Light Divine
Carol Burnett, organist

Wilbur Head/Laurel Pederson

Chiming of the Trinity

* Call to Worship

Wayne Purdy

In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . . **the Church is born.**
In courage found and faith renewed . . . **the Church gains strength.**
In visions seen and dreams made real . . . **the Church blesses the world.**
In hopes rekindled and fears released . . . **the Church leads the way.**
In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . . **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

* Processional Hymn No. 332

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

BEALOTH

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Phil Kuntz

Creator God, the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your spirit, they are created. When you take away their breath, they return to the earth. Open your hand and fill us with good things, Holy One, that we may sing and rejoice in your presence. Save us from our weakness and intercede on our behalf, that we may proclaim the glory of your world and help others claim your many blessings. *All pray in silence.*
God searches the heart and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ, God's steadfast love endures forever. **Amen!**

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Phil Kuntz

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 No. 61

Come Thou Almighty King, v. 3

ITALIAN HYMN

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Power!**

* Sharing the Peace

Phil Kuntz

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

Melissa Dreshfield

**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

Acts 2: 1-4, 4: 5-13
Pew Bible, NT page 119

Miriam Ward

Anthem

Come, Spirit, Come

Beall

Come, Spirit, come. Come, like the wind on the water. Come, Spirit, come. Blow over my soul...(repeat)
Come, Spirit, come. Come, like a flame in the darkness. Come, Spirit, come. Shine over my soul...
(Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me...) Come, Spirit, come. Come like a dove of the new day.
Come, Spirit, come. Soar over my soul. Like the wind, like a flame, like a dove, Spirit, come.
Chancel Choir; Carol Burnett, guest organist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Sermon

"Rejected Building Stones"

Mike Gehring

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 603

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

WINCHESTER OLD

Offering Invitation
Offertory

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

Wayne Purdy
David Christensen/C. Burnett

*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. 465

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

CANTERBURY

* Benediction

Mike Gehring

* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

* 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

6:30pm 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
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager
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Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Willie Craven, Custodian
Theo Dunlap, Custodian
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
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Announcements

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Jonah Andrew Byers, son of Tyler & Elizabeth Byers, grandson of Scott & Jenny Lail, great-grandson of Margie Hilton.

CEMETERY UPDATE: The Cemetery Committee is excited to announce that we will start construction on the new columbarium this summer. Since the construction of the original columbarium, prices have dramatically increased. To help maintain the cash levels in the endowment, we are increasing the price of a double niche to \$2,000 from \$1,000 and the price of a single grave plot from \$500 to \$1,000. The new prices go into effect on **June 1**. All sales prior to June 1 will be at the current prices. Contact Tina Crew (336-993-3411) if you would like to purchase a plot or niche.

TAKE A HIKE on Tuesday, **May 21**. This Hike was rescheduled due to rain on our last one. Meet in the church parking lot at 9. We will carpool to the Stuart and Emma Thomas Conservation Area in Winston-Salem near Children's Home. We have 2.5 miles of dirt trail over gradual hills. Bobby Boy Bakery is nearby so some folks may want to stop there after the hike for coffee and pastry.

MAY 22 will be the last Oasis Service and Wednesday Connect Dinner of the Season. We will take a summer break and resume both activities after Labor Day.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **May 22** is Chicken Cordon Bleu (*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*). *Crossroads/Genesis SS classes serving.*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to help count the offering after the 10:55 service on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at 7:00pm on **May 23**.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Main Street UMC is blessed to have three scholarship opportunities for our students. Complete details are found on the church website at www.mainstreetumc.org, click on "Ministries" on the red stripe, then go to Youth and see the scholarship details and application forms. The deadline for the Linville Scholarship (for high school Seniors) is **May 26**, the deadline for the JC Grose Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomores, juniors, and seniors) is **June 17**, and the deadline for the Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomore, juniors, and seniors) is **June 27**. Contact Wayne Purdy in the church office if you have any questions (336-993-3411).

HELP US CELEBRATE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—We will be collecting Graduation Cards for the High School Graduates to be given to them during the 10:55am service on Sunday, June 2. The next time you are at the store, pick up cards for the graduates below and place them in the collection box located in the Narthex until **May 28**. Our High School graduates are Katherine Hanks, Jackson Napier, Michael Pitts, Emma Saporito, Will Sharpe, and Landon Vinay.

COLLEGE GRADUATES: Church members who have recently graduated from college (Associates, Bachelors, and post-graduate degrees) are invited to submit their name, college, major, and degree earned to Kathryn in the church office (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org) by **May 30** to be included in the June newsletter.

UMM DINNER: *What's Growing in North Carolina?* Our United Methodist Men's Quarterly dinner will be **June 11** at 7 PM. Our special speaker will be Jenny Fulton. Come hear her share about the state of farming in North Carolina. Jenny works for the NC State Department of Agriculture. She specializes in marketing, especially Produce, Christmas Trees, Herbs, Horticulture, and Craft Beer. Jenny has also served on Kernersville's Board of Aldermen and been a strong supporter of Parks and Recreation. Be sure to make your dinner reservations under "signups" at mainstreetumc.org by Friday, June 7 and invite a friend to dinner.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR MIKE—Pastor Mike's last Sunday with us will be on **June 30**. We will have a combined worship service at 10:30am that day and a "Farewell Reception" in the Commons after the service so that everyone will have an opportunity to speak with Pastor Mike and Rhonda and thank them for the six years of ministry that they have shared with us. As a gift from our church, we would like to present the Gehrings with a love offering, so we will be accepting donations in the church office through June 30.

Lyrics

SPIRIT OF FAITH, COME DOWN

1. Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God, and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see, who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.
2. No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord, unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word. Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood, and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
3. O that the world might know the all-atoning Lamb! Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name; the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart, and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.
4. Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive, the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe), the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move, and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

COME, HOLY GHOST, OUR HEARTS INSPIRE

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove; source of th eold prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.
2. Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke), unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.
3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night; on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.
4. God, through the Spirit we shall know if thou within us shine, and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.

HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.
3. Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.
4. Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign; be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.