

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 22, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

This Little Light of Mine
Jill Gardner, pianist

arr. by Mary McDonald

INTROIT

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Alpha and Omega Youth Choir; Wes O'Brien, pianist; Jenny Lail, director

-arr. Allen

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen for God's word . . . **calling forth creation.**
Listen for God's word . . . **working with power and majesty.**
Listen for God's word . . . **speaking blessings.**
Listen for God's word . . . **in this moment.**

Victoria Smathers

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 188 *Christ Is the World's Light*

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

* 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*

* SHARING THE PEACE

The Christ in me sees the Christ in you.

Victoria Smathers

JOYS/CONCERNS/PRAYER Phil Kuntz

THE LORD'S PRAYER Phil Kuntz

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.

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Psalm 1

Miriam Ward

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1: 1-5
Pew Bible, OT page 1

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

"Life in Christ: The Light of Christ"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* HYMN TFWS No. 2173

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Pavane

Wayne Purdy

G. Fauré/arr. by David Paxton

*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. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

* RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Lanny Lancaster

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

Lanny Lancaster

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. by Mark Hayes

* 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

Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor
Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor
Al Ward, Minister of Visitation
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Victoria Smathers, Dir. of Children's Ministries
Nancy Blakemore, Director of Music Ministries
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director
Jill Gardner, Organist/Pianist

Tina Crew, Business Manager
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
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Willie Craven, Custodian
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Announcements

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **September 25** is Chicken Pot Pie Casserole (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at **5:30pm**. Dining together is a great fellowship opportunity, but if you need to get your meal “to-go”, then we can do that, too! We have disposable takeout containers but we encourage you to bring your own re-usable containers for “to-go” meals. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; calling the church office at 336-993-3411; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations for dining in-person or “to-go” must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). *Seafarers Sunday School class serving.*

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 & encouragement in the middle of a busy week.

MSUMC ORNAMENTS made of pewter with a lovely image of our church in the snow are available from Circle #5 members in the Commons for a suggested donation of \$25.

PRE-SALE FOR FROZEN CASSEROLES: United Women in Faith will take orders in the Commons every Sunday morning in September for frozen casseroles. There are 2 sizes and 4 flavors to choose from. Please plan to pickup your orders on October 20.

COMPASSION IN ACTION is a new caring ministry at MSUMC. This ministry will equip church members to care for each other in times of need. Whether a person is facing crisis, is homebound, or just needs to talk, Compassion in Action ministers will be available. This is an expansion of Stephen Ministry to include more volunteers and reach more people. For those needing more specialized care, Stephen Ministers and pastors are always available! Training dates are **Sept. 22-October 27**. The training is free, but participants will need to order their own copy of the training manual and bring it to the sessions. Manuals may be ordered from Amazon for \$10.99 each. For more details, go to mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

GRIEFSHARE: We are pleased to offer a *GriefShare* support group at Main Street that will begin on **September 26** and run through January 2. The group will meet on Thursdays at 10:00am. For more information and to register for the group (limited to 10 participants), go to griefshare.org/findagroup.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at 7:00pm on **September 26** in the Fellowship Hall.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Take a look around the church's campus and you will see recycled water cooler jugs with Main Street UMC Preschool's logo tucked in corners, beside doors, or in the hallways. What are they for, you ask? Main Street UMC Preschool offers tuition assistance for families in need or facing an unexpected hardship. Our Scholarship Fund pays a portion of a child's tuition for a period of time, and we need your help to replenish our fund! Please donate your loose CHANGE to the jugs. We appreciate you supporting our children, and our preschool ministry! Cash & checks can be made to the church office.

PUMPKIN PATCH: Hip Hip Hooray! Our PUMPKINS will be delivered on **October 5!** Join us at 9:00am in the parking lot to unload the pumpkins for the patch! Head over to mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe to sign up for a shift in the patch and bring your friends and family too! Shifts are available this year Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sunday, 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year for our Preschool and Children's Ministry.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Save the date! Sunday, **October 20** from 4-6 pm Main Street's Children's Ministry will host “Trunk or Treat” and EVERYONE is invited! If you'd like to decorate a trunk, please email Victoria Smathers! If you'd like to support this event by donating nut-free candy and other small prizes, we would greatly appreciate your help!

HERITAGE CLUB OUTING on **October 22** for Lunch at Daniel Boone Inn and visiting the Cornerstone Christian Library in Blowing Rock Bus will leave at 9:45am. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5.00. Lunch seating is at 11:30 and will cost \$28.63 (includes tax & tip) cash or check only, no debit or credit cards. Reservations are required, contact Debbie Smith.

Lyrics

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S LIGHT

1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!
2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him and despise another. Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!
3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother; he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!
4. Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father; give God the glory, God with us, my brother. Glory to God on high!

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

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.