



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

In Paradisum from **Requiem**
Jill Gardner, organist

G. Fauré/arr. by Rowena Dickey

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 711

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

* SHARING THE PEACE

Christ in me sees Christ in you.

Victoria Smathers

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

James Berry

PASTORAL PRAYER

Phil Kuntz

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.

PSALTER READING UMH page 755

Psalm 24

Cynthia Barron

ANTHEM

Deep River
Main Street Handbell Choir; Nancy Blakemore, director

Trad. Spiritual/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 1: 4-8
Pew Bible, NT page 245

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

"Life in Christ: Where is it All Going?"

Lanny Lancaster

* HYMN No. 718

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

(You are invited to bring your 2025 Financial Commitment Cards to the Communion Rail during this hymn)

* OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Still, My Soul
Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

FINLANDIA/arr. Lloyd Larson

*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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lanny Lancaster and Phil Kuntz

The Great Thanksgiving for All Saints Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—*Ruth Ann Hall, Millie Silfies, Bob Stoebe, Dale Hilton, Luther Conger, Caroline Martin, Ann Kirkman, Arthur Craddock, Jaime Young, Glenn Womack, Bill Gentry, Dan Turman, Ruby Jones, Ken Lamberson, John Lennon, Elaine Frost, Mary Spangler, Leroy Spangler, Bennie Weaver*, and we also light a candle for all of those who we have lost in this past year and in the years before.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lanny Lancaster

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.

SHARING THE MEAL

In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail. Pre-packaged Communion elements are available upon request from the basket at the communion rail.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness

Richard W. Blakemore, trumpet; Jill Gardner, organist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Phil Kuntz

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* HYMN No. 732

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

*** POSTLUDE**

For All the Saints

Wilbur Held

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Bill Dreshfield, Melissa Dreshfield, and Wayne Purdy

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.

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

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HARVEST FEAST: We will gather for fellowship **TODAY** at 5:00pm and will start the meal at 5:30pm. This will be a true covered-dish dinner so bring your most delicious entrees, sides, and desserts to share.

PRAYER VIGIL ON ELECTION DAY: In the Sacred Scriptures of the Holy Bible, God's Word instructs us, "First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity." (1 Timothy 2:1-2 CEB) The primary vocation of the Church is to pray. So, let us join with millions upon millions around the world during this pivotal season in American history, praying for God's will to be done, the expansion of the peace of Christ throughout the land and the world. We invite you to join with us as we pray for our nation, community, and the world during this time. We will observe a special prayer vigil on Election Day, Tuesday, **November 5** during business hours (8:30am-4pm) in which Main Street United Methodist Church's Sanctuary will be open if you would like to come and pray with us. May we be faithful in our witness to the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in these times.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **November 6** is Pancakes (*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. Reservations must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). *This is a Preschool fundraiser.*

JOB OPENING: Main Street United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7AM – 4PM. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office for further information.

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.

YARD SIGNS to support our neighbors in Western North Carolina are available in the Commons for a suggested donation of \$20 (cash or checks written to New Horizons class). Money raised will go to UMCOR.

THE HERITAGE CLUB will visit Southern Supreme Fruitcake for shopping & lunch on **November 7**. Bus will leave the church at 10:30. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5.00 and you will pay for your lunch at the restaurant. Let us know if you are interested in touring the factory, contact Debbie Smith.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **November 14** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

TAKE A HIKE: We will have two more Take a Hikes this year, on Tuesday, **November 19** and again on Tuesday, December 3. These will be our last hikes of 2024. We will resume hiking in March as the weather warms. Meet in the church parking lot at 9 AM.

NEXT UMM DINNER: Expert on Dementia Will Speak at UMM Dinner. You are invited to the United Methodist Men's dinner on **November 19** at 7 PM. Our special speaker will be Dr. Ann Renigar Hiatt who is an authority on caregiving for people with dementia. All interested people (men and women) are invited to come learn about dementia which will potentially affect many of us now or in the future. Make your reservation by November 15 at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Dinner cost is by donation.

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON: In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, our hearts have been called in service to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Western NC. On Sunday, **November 24**, the UMM will be hosting a churchwide Hurricane Relief BBQ luncheon that will be served at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting a Love Offering and Cash Donations that will be sent to UMCOR.

POINSETTIAS AND MEMORIAL GIFTS: As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for \$10.00 each. Orders are due no later than **November 24**. You can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate or you can place your order using the "sign ups" tab at www.mainstreetumc.org. If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and we will list the gifts (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 17 newsletter.

Lyrics

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- [4]. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain; thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
3. The dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears; cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers; with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thy eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Everlasting God, come down!

COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

Service of Holy Communion

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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