



December 1, 2024
Jubilee Worship Service
Main Street United Methodist Church

Scripture

Luke 1: 26-38

Lanny Lancaster

Sermon

“Christmas Spirit: Let It Be” Lanny Lancaster

We are happy you have joined us for our Jubilee! Worship Service today!
Please sign the Connection Pad so that we may have a
record of your presence.

Today’s Jubilee Worship Leaders:

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Victoria Smathers, Director of Children’s Ministries
Rev. Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Vinay Family
Today’s Communion Assistants: Martha Boger, Jack & Robin Rayfield

Our Mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Our Vision: *Fostering vital communities through love and life-changing experiences.*

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)

Announcements

THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Theo Dunlap.

SILENT AUCTION to benefit Western NC Disaster Relief is set up in the Commons **TODAY** and will end at **12:30pm on December 8**. The Christian Fellowship Sunday School class is sponsoring this fundraiser. Stop by the Commons and check out the nice items!

TAKE A HIKE: We will walk/hike on Tuesday, **December 3**. This will be our last hike of 2024. We will resume hiking in March as the weather warms. Meet in the church parking lot at 9 AM.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **December 4** is Oven-Fried Chicken (*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). We accept cash, check, or cards. Christian Fellowship and Rise SS classes 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.

JOIN US FOR our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **December 5** in the Chapel.

HERITAGE CLUB upcoming activities, contact Debbie Smith for reservations:

- **December 6** Dinner at Cody Creek, Seating is at 6:00. Bus will leave the church at 4:30. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5.00. Reservations are required.
- **December 17** High Point University Christmas Lights and Dinner. Van will leave the church at 4:30, we will drive through the HPU campus and enjoy their holiday lights before having a buffet dinner at Spiro's Family Restaurant. Pay for your own meal. Reservations required by December 10.

HANGING OF THE GREENS—Everyone is invited to join the Altar Guild on Saturday, **December 7** starting at 9:00am as we come together to decorate our church Sanctuary and Narthex for the holiday season.

CANTATA SUNDAY, December 8 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary, the Music Ministry presents Joel Raney's “A Thrill of Hope”...a weary world rejoices! Presented by the Main Street Christmas Choir; Jill Gardner, organ; Jenny Lail, piano; the Main Street Handbell Choir; and Chamber Orchestra will shine in one combined, glorious service. In a world weary of many things, we find our greatest hope in Jesus Christ! Invite your family and friends to come celebrate the birth of Jesus in song at our ONE SERVICE on December 8 at 10:30 am.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING—The holidays are approaching and for some of us they may look different this year. The loss of a loved one, a diagnosis, divorce, loss of a job, or other major life event may have changed our lives. Please join us for a *Service of Hope and Healing* at 7:00pm on **December 10** in the Sanctuary. Come hear the music, a message of hope, receive Communion, and have the opportunity for prayer and lighting a candle for loved ones, for a gentle entry into the holidays.

PRAYER SHAWL Holiday Party at 9:30am on **December 12** in the Church Library. Bring Brunch goodies to celebrate another successful Prayer Shawl year. Contact Patty Rapp for more information.

CHRISTMAS CARDS for our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90 are due by **December 13**. A list of names is available in the Narthex and in the Commons at the Member Pickup Station.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY will be presented by the Kid's Connect Choir in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm on **December 13**. This evening promises to be “merry and bright” while touching the very heart of Christmas!

Lyrics

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every lonely heart

Him the people to deliver, born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thy own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thine glorious throne

Come now great Redeemer, Come Emmanuel
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue, Born to save Your very own
Long expected Jesus Make our hearts Your home

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Refrain: Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, Come
One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens, Lay down your shame
All who are broken, Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, You're not too far
So lay down your hurt, Lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, Rest that endures

Come Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every lonely heart

Come now great Redeemer, Come Emmanuel
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue, Born to save Your very own
Long expected Jesus Make our hearts Your home (repeat)

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel (repeat)

Who gladly choose you now

Refrain

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,
Who gladly choose you now

Refrain

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
So lay down your burdens, Lay down your shame
All who are broken, Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, You're not too far
Lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are, Come as you are

Fall in his arms, Come as you are

There's joy for the morning, Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
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