



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am

Worship Service

WELCOME

Phil Kuntz

PRELUDE

Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major
Jill Gardner, organist

J. S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Phil Kuntz

We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving word of God's love.

God, give us the bread of life, today and always.

Too long have we lived with hunger, seeking to fill our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.

Too long we have starved ourselves of spiritual food that truly satisfies.

"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus tells us. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

"Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Come, Holy Spirit. Feed us with your grace and love.

May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you, so that we may never be hungry again. Amen.

* HYMN No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

PSALTER READING

Psalm 113
Pew Bible, OT page 563

Chuck Dagenhart

ANTHEM

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Chorale; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

SHOWALTER/arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE

John 6: 35-39
Pew Bible, NT page 98

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

"Life in Christ: Christ in Communion"

Lanny Lancaster

* HYMN TFWS No. 2261

Life-Giving Bread

MANALO

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

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 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.

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* SHARING THE PEACE

Phil Kuntz

Christ in me sees Christ in you.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Kuntz

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

Phil Kuntz

OFFERTORY

Pastoral Dance on SIMPLE GIFTS

Andrew Clarke

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Phil Kuntz

*** HYMN** No. 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

*** BENEDICTION**

Phil Kuntz

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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**

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

* 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!

Wednesdays (September-May)

5:30pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

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

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

Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

Willie Craven, Custodian

Theo Dunlap, Custodian

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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Announcements

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Chapel is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Joel Shelton, new son of Justin & Taylor Shelton.

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Claire England Eidson, new granddaughter of Cooke & Carole Eidson. Parents are David & Betsy Eidson.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for MSUMC member Richard Hedgecock will be held at 1:00pm on November 22 at Main Street UMC.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **November 20** is Spaghetti Carbonara (*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 SS class serving.*

TAKE A HIKE on Tuesday, **November 19**. Meet in the church parking lot at 9 AM.

KERNERSVILLE CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND CONCERT has a new date: **November 22**, at 7:00 PM. For over 29 years, many of Kernersville’s children and families have been able to wake up on Christmas Morning with gifts under the tree and a special Christmas Feast on the table. This is made possible by the generosity of community members and the donations from the Annual Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund Concert. This Kernersville Tradition is coming early this year--on Friday, November 22 at 7pm in our Sanctuary. Start the Holiday Season off on a “jolly” foot and join us for this special night of fundraising, music, and merriment on the Friday BEFORE Thanksgiving!

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 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will consist of BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Brunswick Stew, vegetables and desserts. We will be accepting a Love Offering and Cash Donations that will be sent to UMCOR to help supply long term assistance to those affected by the hurricane. Church members are encouraged to bring a friend for this event to experience the Love of Christ and Service to others that Main Street UMC is built upon.

POINSETTIAS AND MEMORIAL GIFTS: 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.

2025 MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY: Be sure to pick up a copy of the new *Ministry Opportunities Survey* from the Narthex or Commons and let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with the church. This survey has over sixty opportunities for you to serve and connect with your church family. Survey is also available at mainstreetumc.org under “signups.” Surveys are due by **November 30**.

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! 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.

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; there are only a few left, so get yours today!

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.