


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 29, 2024
Frist Sunday after Christmas Day

8:30am
Worship Service

WELCOME

Phil Kuntz

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo
Jill Gardner, organist

Noel Goemanne

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Phil Kuntz

We gather this morning ready to listen. **Open our ears, Lord.**
We gather this morning ready to learn. **Open our minds, Lord.**
We gather this morning ready to love. **Open our hearts, Lord.**
We gather this morning ready to worship. **Open our spirits to receive you, Lord.**
We gather to praise the Lord Almighty!

*** HYMN** No. 224

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

PSALTER READING

Psalm 148
Pew Bible, OT page 582

ANTHEM

He is Born
Chorale; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 41-51
Pew Bible, NT page 59

Wayne Purdy

SERMON

“What are You Searching For?”

Wayne Purdy

*** HYMN** No. 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*** 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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Kuntz

PASTORAL 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

Phil Kuntz

OFFERTORY

Offertory on "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

John G. Barr

Jill Gardner, organist

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

What Child Is This, vs. 3

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Phil Kuntz

* HYMN No. 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

* BENEDICTION

Phil Kuntz

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain, (refrain)*

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

POSTLUDE

Go! Tell It on the Mountain

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!

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

La'Niah Johnson-Flemming, Custodian

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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Announcements

THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of William "Billy" C. Edwards, Jr.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES: We will NOT HAVE our Oasis service or Wednesday Connect Dinner on Jan. 1. The Church Office will be CLOSED on Jan. 1. We will NOT HAVE our NOW service on Jan. 2.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for January/February have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the "Member Pick-up Station" inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

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

CHICKEN PIES: It's almost time to think about Chicken Pies! Our United Methodist Men will begin taking orders for Mrs. Pumpkins frozen chicken pies on **January 1**. More details coming soon!

THIS IS THE WAY... How is God calling you forward in 2025? How is God calling us forward as Main Street United Methodist Church? Come join us on Wednesdays at 11am or 6:30pm as we look at Jesus' life, teachings, and ministry and reflect on how that can teach us the way forward into this new year. Pastor Lanny will lead this class in the Chapel starting on **January 8** and ending on May 21. Please let us know that you'd like to attend by registering at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY on **January 12**—contact Pastor Phil Kuntz if you are interested in becoming a member of Main Street UMC on this date or another date.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP BIBLE STUDY: A 6-week video-based study called "A History of Christian Worship" will be offered on Wednesday nights starting on **February 12**. Segments include Music, Art & Drama, Baptism and Communion. How have these elements of worship evolved over the 2000 years of Christianity and in various faith communities? The class will meet from 6:30 to 8:15 in room 320 (upstairs Commons classroom) and be led by Wade and Jan Hampton. No preparation is required between classes, just come, watch, discuss. Please let us know that you will attend by signing up at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Class will be limited to 24 participants and will run for 6 weeks.

COLLECTION BOXES are in the new main entrance for: BOOKSAPALOOZA, donate new or used books; HOPE CENTER, donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; and CRISIS CONTROL, donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, December's item is hot beverages (cocoa, tea, etc).

HELP NEEDED at Jubilee Service to run the ProPresenter Slides—training is available, contact the Church Office if you can volunteer!

FRESH COFFEE is available on Sunday mornings in the small kitchen in the Commons—stop by for a cup and spend a few minutes chatting with friends! Coffee is ready before the 8:30 service begins.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by contacting one of the pastors. There is also a "button" on your weekly Connections email that is sent every Thursday, so that makes it easy!

WEARING NAMETAGS is an act of hospitality—please remember to wear your nametags when you come to church and contact the church office if you need a new one!

PUBLICATION DEADLINES: *Main Street Connections Email* requests are due to the church office by 4:00pm on Tuesdays; Bulletin Announcements are due to the church office by noon on Tuesdays; and Newsletter Articles are due by noon on the FIRST Friday of every month.