



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 12, 2025  
*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

10:55 am  
*Traditional Worship Service*

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Wayne Purdy

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**PRELUDE**

*Wade In the Water*  
Jill Gardner, pianist

Joel Raney

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

Come to the waters. **We gather at the river.**  
Come to the waters. **The waters of grace flow over us.**  
Come to the waters. **We are washed in God's love.**  
Come to the waters. **We are God's beloved children.**

**\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

Victoria Smathers

**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.**

**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.

**PSALTER READING** UMH page 761

Psalm 29

Wayne Purdy

**ANTHEM**

*Come to the Water*  
Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Pepper Choplin

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 Lanny Lancaster  
Pew Bible, NT page 60

**SERMON** "This is the Way: What does Baptism Mean?" Lanny Lancaster

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\* **HYMN** No. 608 *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now* AZMON

**OFFERING INVITATION** Wayne Purdy  
**OFFERTORY** *Offertory on BUNESSAN* A. Royce Eckhardt

\***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

**CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** UMH page 50  
Lanny Lancaster, Phil Kuntz, Wayne Purdy

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Lanny Lancaster  
Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

\* **HYMN** TFWS No. 2248 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

\* **BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

\* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on AZMON* Eleanor Whitsett

\* please stand as you are able

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## 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)*

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### 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](http://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.

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## 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)

5:00pm 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  
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 WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **January 15** is Spiral Cut Ham (*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](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)); visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (*10 & under*). We accept cash, check, or cards. *Grose-Kirkman and Journey SS classes serving.*

**NEW START TIME FOR OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE:** Come to the Sanctuary at 5:00pm (*new time!!*) 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 **January 16** in the Chapel.

**CHICKEN PIES:** Our United Methodist Men are taking orders for Mrs. Pumpkins Frozen Chicken Pies! You can order frozen 9 inch Moravian Chicken Pie, Baked Spaghetti, and/or Brownies for \$15 each, or mix and match 3 for \$42.00. 4 pack 5-inch individual frozen Moravian Chicken Pies are available for \$17.00 and NOT in the mix and match deal mentioned above. Orders can be placed with any United Methodist Men member with your order request, name, email and phone number. The last day to order will be February 17. You should plan to pick up your order between 9am and noon on **February 22**.

**ANNUAL MLK SERVICE** on **January 19** at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. Invite your friends to join us for this service as we worship together as part of the Kernersville community, enjoy special music, and hear from a panel of Community Leaders as they reflect on the question: “*What Does Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Dream Look Like in Kernersville?*”

**DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE NON-PROFIT?** If you would like to make a case for including a specific non-profit organization in the Main Street 2025 Outreach Budget, please come to the **January 21** meeting of the Outreach Committee at 7:00pm in Room 310 (downstairs Commons classroom) to speak for no more than 3 minutes and/or submit a dozen handouts about that organization to the Church Office prior to Jan. 21.

**INTENTIONAL PARENTING STUDY** starts on **January 23** at 6:30pm in Room 320. Join Victoria Smathers and Kellie Vinay to discover how to be intentional in your parenting to help you be the parent you want to be. Sign up today at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click “signups” on the red stripe; more details about purchasing the book for class are on the signup page.

**FLOOD BUCKETS:** In the months after Hurricane Helene, the needs of our neighbors in WNC are no less urgent or heavy on our hearts. Our *Night of Worship* team is gearing up for a special Hands-On outreach opportunity, and they need your support! A donation of \$75 dollars will sponsor one entire flood bucket full of cleaning supplies and other aid items. Our NOW team will be gathering all the needed materials to pack flood buckets, and we will come together as a church family to assemble them during the NOW service on Thursday, **February 6**. Please consider contributing to this outreach opportunity financially or by joining us on February 6 for assembly! If you have questions about how you can help, please contact the church office.

**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](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click “signups” on the red stripe. Class will be limited to 24 participants and will run for 6 weeks.

**CHILI COOKOFF** to raise funds for Youth Mission Trips this summer will be at 5:30pm on **January 26**. Make up a pot of your favorite chili and enter it into our contest (there will be prizes!). Even if you don’t want to make chili for the contest, we still need people to eat all the chili, so come on out! Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted for Youth Missions.

## Lyrics

### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

### THIS IS THE SPIRIT'S ENTRY NOW

1. This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word, the cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
2. Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day, to rise again by his design as followers of his way.
3. Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal power that washes us through all our days. Lord, cleanse again this hour.

### BAPTIZED IN WATER

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.