



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Jill Gardner, organist

W.M. Runyan/arr. by Jack Schroeder

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

God's faithful love welcomes us here. **Thank God for this glorious gift!**

God's faithful love redeems our lives. **Thank God for our many blessings!**

God's faithful love is ours to share. **We will offer this gift to God's world.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 883

Victoria Smathers

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** 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 771 Psalm 36: 5-10 Phil Kuntz
- ANTHEM** *Feast of the Lord* Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director
- SCRIPTURE** John 2: 1-11 Lanny Lancaster
Pew Bible, NT page 93
- SERMON** "This is the Way: Who's in charge of this banquet anyway?" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

- * **HYMN** No. 642 *As Man and Woman We Were Made* SUSSEX CAROL
- OFFERING INVITATION** Phil Kuntz
- OFFERTORY** *Sussex Carol* Alfred V. Fedak
- ***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

- * **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER** Lanny Lancaster and Phil Kuntz
- 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** No. 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
- * **BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful!* Beethoven/arr. by Matt Limbaugh

* 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!

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

ANNUAL MLK SERVICE is **TONIGHT** 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?*”

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED on **January 20** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 21.

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.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **January 22** is Chicken Pot Pie Casserole (*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). *New Horizons SS class serving.*

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE: Come to the Sanctuary at 5:00pm 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 and encouragement in the middle of a busy week. *Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.*

WEEKDAY GREETERS NEEDED: CareNet Counseling center, located in our Chapel building, is in need of additional weekday greeters. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours each week, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office.

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**.

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 and click “signups” on the red stripe; more details about purchasing the book for class are on the signup page.

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.

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.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **February 13** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

Lyrics

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

AS MAN AND WOMAN WE WERE MADE

1. As man and woman we were made that love be found and life begun, so praise the Lord who made us two, and praise the Lord when two are one: praise for the love that comes to life through child or parent, husband, wife.
2. Now Jesus lived and gave his love to make our life and loving new; so celebrate with him today and drink the joy he offers you, that makes the simple moment shine and changes water into wine.
3. And Jesus died to live again, so praise the love that, come what may, can bring the dawn and clear the skies, and waits to wipe all tears away; and let us hope for what shall be, believing where we cannot see.
4. Then spread the table, clear the hall, and celebrate till day is done; let peace go deep between us all and joy be shared by everyone; laugh and make merry with your friends, and praise the love that never ends!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!