

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 23, 2025
Children's Sunday

8:30am
Worship Service

WELCOME

Phil Kuntz

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me
Jill Gardner, organist

Jason D. Payne

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Phil Kuntz

Jesus loves me, this I know. **For the Bible tells me so.**
Little ones to him belong, **they are weak, but He is strong.**

*** HYMN** No. 191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

PSALTER READING

Psalm 122
Pew Bible, OT page 571

Phil Kuntz

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEMS

I Was Glad (Psalm 122:1)
You Know My Name
Carol Choir; Leslie Antieau, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Claire Russell
Carol Huffman Dickerson

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 17:17 NCV

Victoria Smathers

MESSAGE

"You can pick your friends, and you can pick your nose,
but you can't pick your friend's nose!"

Victoria Smathers

*** HYMN** No. 526

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*** LITANY FOR CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

Kellie Vinay

Lord, today we thank you for children, all the children of the world, the big ones, the little ones, the friendly ones, and the mischievous ones.

Lord, we will gather the children and love them.

Lord, we pray especially for children who are hungry, thirsty, unwanted, unloved, abused, or abandoned. We praise you for foster and adoptive families, for grandparents and cousins and uncles and aunts and churches that open their hearts and doors. We pray for children who have no one to take care of them and for the ones outside our sanctuary doors. Lord, forgive us and prick our consciousness so we see and hear children in need.

Lord, we will gather the children and love them.

Lord, we pray that every child will be anxiously anticipated and warmly welcomed as you intended. When we hear the laughter of happy children, we know you are pleased.

Lord, we will gather the children and love them.

ALL: We praise you for all the children of Main Street United Methodist Church and our community.

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Phil Kuntz

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Kuntz

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lanny Lancaster

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

Lanny Lancaster

OFFERTORY

Ivan Sings (No. 1 from Adventures with Ivan)

Sophia Cochran, pianist

Aram Khachaturian

***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

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 469

Jesus Is All the World to Me

ELIZABETH

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Jesus the Light of the World (Refrain)

ELDERKIN

Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where his love and his mercy are bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the World.

POSTLUDE

Ballade

Friedrich Burgmüller

Sophia Cochran, pianist

(Please remain seated until after the Postlude)

* 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
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Announcements

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **February 26** is Smothered Pork Chops (*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. *Great Expectations 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.*

"LETTERS OF PAUL" BIBLE STUDY led by Rev. Mark Key is open to all and the group would love to have new participants join them. There is no cost and no preparation needed for the class each week. The Letters of Paul Bible study meets each Sunday from 6-7 p.m. in the Adult Choir Room below the Sanctuary. Reach out to Rev. Mark Key for more information or just show up to the class!

THE HERITAGE CLUB invites everyone to join them at the next event on **March 7**— Pancake Jamboree at the Benton Convention Center & Shopping at The Mast General Store. Prepaid tickets are \$5 or pay at the door are \$10. Meet at the church at 8:30 am to ride the van or meet us there at 9 am. Deadline to purchase tickets is February 28. Contact Debbie Smith (336-671-1215).

IF YOU MISSED THE CHICKEN PIE PICKUP DATE: A second pick-up option is available on Thursday, **February 27** from 9:15 to 10:00am. If you are unable to pickup your items on February 27, please make arrangements with the person you ordered your items from to meet you or deliver the items to you or please send a friend to pick up your items on Feb. 27; the office staff may not be available at your convenience to assist during the week. Pickup in the hallway outside the Church Library.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER—Bring your appetite and your check books on Tuesday night, **March 4** from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall to eat all the pancakes you want. All proceeds from the Pancake Supper help us raise money for our youth summer mission trips.

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on **March 5** and we invite you to join us for one or both of our Ash Wednesday services: we will have our community service at *noon* across the street in the meeting room at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens, and we will have an evening service in our Sanctuary at 7:00pm.

THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS under the direction of Dr. Marc Foster return to Main Street UMC in worship on Sunday, **March 16** at the 10:55 Service. This very fine university choir has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, concert halls and churches across the continental United States, South Africa, and Europe. Later this spring the Singers will concertize throughout southern Italy, performing at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. We are so blessed to host this choir from a local, historically United Methodist university. If you normally attend at 8:30 or Jubilee, please make plans to stay for the 10:55 service to support these young people with your presence. They will share with us some of the same great music that will be sung at the Vatican. Where else can you hear such music on a Sunday morning in Kernersville!

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, February's items are canned greens/black-eyed peas/cornbread mix.