

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:55 am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Phil Kuntz

A MINUTE FOR MUSIC

Jill Gardner

SCOUTING MOMENT

Dan Montague

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (ST. DENIO)
Jill Gardner, organist

Carolyn Hamlin

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Phil Kuntz

Give thanks to the Lord. **Sing God's praises.**
Call on the Lord. **Seek God with hearts full of song.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 887 Affirmation from Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Phil Kuntz

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or family, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, no things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

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.

WE HEAR FROM GOD

KIDS' TIME

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Michele Davis

**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 853

Psalm 138

Brandon Pegram, Troop 940

ANTHEM

Sail the Soul

Liam Lawton

Chancel Choir; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

1) *Lord of the pilgrim and Lord of the way, guide ev'ry footstep, each journey I make. Lord of the seeker and Lord of all truth, clear be the vision wherever I look. And when the times of trial arise, be Lord of my longing, be Lord of my life. Lord of the pilgrim and Lord of the way, safe in your shadow, be our rest each day. Refrain: Sail the waves, may God safely guide us. Through all days may heaven inspire us. Comforting winds in glory will sing. Soft falling rain God's healing will bring. Sail the shore and find heaven's shelter. Sail the soul, in waters so gentle remain.* 2) *Lord of the heavens and Lord of the seas, you calm raging waters and quiet the breeze. Lord of the rivers and Lord of the streams, holy the silence of God's gentle peace. And when the night of storms arise, be Lord of all danger and Lord of all tides. Lord of the heavens and Lord of the seas, comfort, restore us, our guard ever be. (Refrain)* 3) *Lord of our country and Lord of our land, heal our divisions, embrace all our plans. Lord of our children and Lord of our care, be now our minder, the source of our fare. And when our hearts grow cold with fear, be Lord of tomorrow, our hope always near. Lord of our country and Lord of our land, hold us and guide us in your loving hands. (Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5: 1-11

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 62

SERMON

"This is the Way: Go Deeper"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* HYMN TFWS No. 2137

Would I Have Answered When You Called

KINGSFOLD

OFFERING INVITATION

Phil Kuntz

OFFERTORY

Reflection on KINGSFOLD

Maureen Howell

*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

* HYMN No. 344

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

* BENEDICTION

Lanny Lancaster

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Springs of Salvation

Margaret Sandresky

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
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Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director
Jill Gardner, Organist/Pianist

Tina Crew, Business Manager
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Announcements

TODAY IS BOY SCOUT SUNDAY! Main Street offers a full complement of the BSA scouting program that includes Cub Scouts, a Troop for boys, a Troop for girls and a Venturing Crew. The cub program is from kindergarten through 5th grade, BSA troops are from 6th grade or age 11 through the end of age 17, and the venturing is a co-ed high adventure program for ages 14-20. Male and female youth are invited to participate in our scouting programs. For information, contact Wes O'Brien. Our scouting units appreciate the extensive support of Main Street for many, many years. We are also indebted to many adult leaders that make the programs possible. Our key leaders in the 4 scouting units are Boys Troop 940 Scoutmaster Scott Mason, Committee Chair Matt Tucker, Girls Troop 710 Scoutmaster Tracy Dicalogero, Committee Chair Carla Lemon, Pack 940 Cubmaster Rob Moore, Committee Chair Craig Duggan, Venture Crew Advisor Brea McClain, Committee Chair Kevin McClain, and Main Street Scout Liaison Wes O'Brien.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **February 12** is Pot Roast (*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**. Suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (*10 & under*). We accept cash, check, or cards. *Cornerstone 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.

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. Register at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Class will be limited to 24 participants and will run for 6 weeks.

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).

MAIN STREET'S HERITAGE CLUB will meet on **February 21** for Lunch at the Seafood Shack in Walkertown at 11:30. Meet us there and pay for your meal at the restaurant.

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 or call the Church Office. The last day to order will be February 17. You should plan to pick up your order between 9am and noon on **February 22**.

QUARTERLY DINNER: The United Methodist Men invite everyone to quarterly dinners featuring a variety of programs and speakers this year. The dinners begin at 6:30 and the cost of the meal is your donation. Our Tuesday **March 18** speaker is Bill Blancato, an attorney who lives in Winston-Salem. Bill has been volunteering as a speaker with Citizens' Climate Education since 2013. Bill presents Climate Education programs examining weather and our impacts on the environment. Make your reservations online at mainstreetumc.org under "signups" by March 14.

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.

THANK YOU for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food or beverages.

Lyrics

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

WOULD I HAVE ANSWERED WHEN YOU CALLED

1. Would I have answered when you called, "Come follow, follow me"? Would I at once have left behind both work and family? Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?
2. Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee, on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security? Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew, where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, "Crucify" when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky? Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone, a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?
4. O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways, no can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise. I only pray that when you call, "Come follow, follow me" you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE (TÚ HAS VENIDO A LA ORILLA)

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.
2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.
3. You need my hands, full of caring through my labors to give others rest, and constant love that keeps on loving. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.
4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.