

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 28, 2025

10:55am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Connor McKeithan and Jill Gardner, pianists

Arr. by James Bastien

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

The Joyful Journey Song
Carol Choir

Terry D. Taylor

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

God calls us to set out in faith.

The love of God leads us home.

Christ blesses us that we might bless others.

The blessings of Christ heal our world.

The Holy Spirit strengthens us for the journey.

The power of the Spirit sustains and supports us.

The One who made heaven and earth meets us here.

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 884

Victoria Smathers

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Victoria Smathers

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.**

PSALTER READING UMH page 810 (with sung refrain)

Psalm 91: 1-16

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ANTHEM

Come, Sing the Joy of the Lord

Sandra Ford

Adult Chancel Choir: Adam Register, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Gail Tozer, Janet Lancaster, Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore, Sally Brown, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Shaw Kenion, Wes O'Brien;
Jill Branoff, accompanist; Linda Wakefield, handbell soloist; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12: 2-3
Pew Bible, OT page 10

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

"The Called People"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN** No. 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

THY WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr. By James Bastien

* **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

Sarah McIntosh

* **HYMN** No. 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

BENEDICTION

Lanny Lancaster

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Now In Peace
Carol Choir

Natalie Sleeth

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me

Arr. By James Bastien

The Congregation is invited to remain seated during 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.

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 336-994-3411 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 Kids' Time 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

Main Street UMC Staff

Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor

Sarah McIntosh, Associate Pastor

Al Ward, Minister of Visitation

Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries

Victoria Smathers, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director

Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager

Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant

Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

Willie Craven, Custodian

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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ROSEBUD

The red rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Avery Lynn Dixon, new granddaughter of Wayne & Carol Purdy. Parents are Bob & Megan Dixon.

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 in the middle of a busy week.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **October 1** is Pasta Primavera (*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; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; 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. Rise/Genesis/Christian Fellowship SS classes serving.

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTER NEEDED

If you are available to help count the morning offering after the late service on the 2nd Sunday or 3rd Sunday of each month, please contact Tina Crew in the Church office. Training is provided and the counter will work with a partner.

MAGNETIC BACKS FOR NAMETAGS

The Church Office has some self-adhesive magnets that can be placed on the back of your existing nametag if you do not like the clip. Please stop by to see Kathryn in the Church Office if you would like a magnetic back for your nametag.

PUMPKINS

It's hard to believe, but pumpkins are almost here! We need YOUR help to unload the truck on **October 4** at 8:30am. We also need help with volunteer shifts in the pumpkin patch throughout October. Contact Kellie Vinay at the preschool or Victoria Smathers at the church office for more information (336-993-3411). Sign up for shifts at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

SPIRIT NIGHT AT THE LOOP

Help support the MSUMC Preschool by dining out at *The Loop* in Kernersville on **October 7** between 4pm and 9pm. Be sure to tell them that you are with Main Street Preschool and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the preschool!

2026 MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY

Be sure to pick up a copy of the new *Ministry Opportunities Survey* from the Narthex or Commons and let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with the church. An electronic version is also available at mainstreetumc.org under "signups" on the red stripe. Surveys are due by **October 15**.

TRUNK OR TREAT & HOT DOG DINNER

Our Children's Ministry along with Great Expectations Sunday School class is hosting their 2nd *Annual Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Fundraiser* on **October 19**. Our Hot Dog fundraiser dinner will be served from 3:00 to 7:00pm and the Trunk or Treat fun will take place from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Please sign up to attend at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. We also need folks to host a trunk, so please sign up for that as well. More details can be found in the September 16 newsletter or contact Victoria Smathers at 336-993-3411 in the Church Office.

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to the next event hosted by MSUMC's Heritage Club on **October 23** for Lunch at Daniel Boone Inn and shopping in Blowing Rock – The van will leave at 9:45am. Cost to ride the van will be \$5.00. Lunch seating is at 11:30 and will cost \$29.88 (includes tax & tip) cash or check only, no debit or credit cards. Reservations are required--deadline to signup is October 20, contact Debbie Smith (336-671-1215).

FROZEN CASSEROLE PRE-SALE

United Women in Faith are taking orders in the Commons every Sunday morning in October for frozen casseroles. Plan to pickup your casseroles on **November 2** in the Fellowship Hall; all casseroles must be pre-ordered. Varieties include Sweet Potato, Mrs. Mary's Chicken, Poppysseed Chicken, and Swiss Chicken casseroles.

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.

COLLECTION BOXES

A collection box for RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG plastic film recycling is located at the Member Pickup Station in the Commons, Fellowship Hall, and Preschool. We also have collection boxes in the Main Entrance to the Commons for: GOT SNEAKERS—donate used sneakers to be repurposed; HOPE CENTER—donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; BOOKSAPALOOZA—donate new or used books; and CRISIS CONTROL—donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, October's item is canned meats (tuna, corned beef, spam, etc).

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

THY WORD IS A LAMP

1. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
2. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.