



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 12, 2025

10:55am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

VOICE OF DIAKONIA (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Regena Brown

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Festive Prelude on DARWELL'S 148th
Jill Gardner, organ

J. Darwell/A. Mason

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

People of Faith, come and see what God has done!

God has guided us and walked with us.

See how God has protected us.

God has brought us to this sacred space.

Let us give glory to God!

Let us sing praises to God!

*** OPENING HYMN** TFWS No. 2001

We Sing to You, O God

DARWELL'S 148th

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 33

Wayne Purdy and Lanny Lancaster

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Wayne Purdy

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 790 (with sung refrain) Psalm 66: 8-20

Wayne Purdy

ANTHEM*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Gordon Young

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 Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 5: 1

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, OT page 162

SERMON

"God Sends the Law"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD*** HYMN** No. 156*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY *Nimrod Theme, No. 9, Op. 36 Variations*

Edward Elgar/arr. W. H. Harris

*** 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**

Wayne Purdy

*** HYMN** No. 374*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY****POSTLUDE***Toccata*

David H. Hegarty

* 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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ROSEBUDS

The white rosebuds on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Ken Ladd, husband of Jean Ladd; and Priscilla Lang, wife of Ed Lang.

PUMPKIN PATCH

We need YOUR 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **October 15** is Taco Bar (*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). Cornerstone SS class serving.

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.

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. And if you want to help provide candy or small giveaways, we need those too! More details can be found in the Sept. 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, Poppyseed Chicken, and Swiss Chicken casseroles.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **November 6** at 12:00noon for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (*call the church for phone number*).

QUARTERLY DINNER AND SPEAKER

It's time to sign up for the Methodist Men's quarterly dinner scheduled for **November 18** at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker for November will be Main Street's own Jill Gardner. Jill will tell us about her journey to Main Street, and also her plans for the Music Program in the future. Anyone who wishes to attend is invited to make a reservation so that we will have enough food for everyone. We do ask for a donation to help with the cost. Sign up online at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

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).

We Sing to You, O God

1. We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth, let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth. To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.
- 2.2. We wandered far from home out in a desert land, you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band. YHou kep us safe within your arms and sheltered us against the storm.
3. You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young, who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun. We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.
4. O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings, the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring. Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, (Standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, (standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) I'm standing on the promises of God.
2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing, (Standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, (standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) I'm standing on the promises of God.
3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. Standing, (Standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, (standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) I'm standing on the promises of God.
4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, (Standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, (standing on the promises,) standing, (standing on the promises,) I'm standing on the promises of God.