



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 16, 2025

10:55am

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Kellie Vinay

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Für Elise

Ludwig van Beethoven

Sophia Cochran, piano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the life that our God has brought. **Let us sing out and be glad in it.**

This is the light that our savior shines forth. **Let us give thanks and be glad in it.**

This is the love that has conquered the grave. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 96 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

AMSTERDAM

*** 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 No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

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 839 (with sung refrain #2) Psalm 118: 14-29 name

ANTHEM *A Call to Service* from "Testament of Praise" C. Wesley/J.M. Martin

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER Lanny Lancaster

SCRIPTURE Luke 12: 29-34 Rev. A.J. Thomas
Pew Bible, NT page 75

SERMON "Every Dollar Has a Dream" Rev. A.J. Thomas

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION Rev. A.J. Thomas

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN** No. 88 *Maker, in Whom We Live* DIADEMATA
(You are invited to bring your 2026 Financial Commitment Cards to the Communion Rail during this hymn)

OFFERING INVITATION Sarah McIntosh
OFFERTORY *Norse Song* Robert Schumann

Sophia Cochran, piano

* **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. 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

* **BENEDICTION** Rev. A.J. Thomas

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Invention No. 8* J.S. Bach
Sophia Cochran, piano
Please remain seated for 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

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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CONSECRATION POTLUCK DINNER

Join us at our Consecration Dinner **TODAY** at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a huge church family potluck meal to mark the culmination of our "Giving that Transforms" campaign. The Member Care Team will provide tea and lemonade and then we need a variety of main dishes, side dishes and desserts to make this a true potluck dinner.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **November 19** is Shepherd's Pie (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. 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. Becoming/Journey/Grose-Kirkman SS classes serving.

HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH LOCKUP

We're currently seeking a reliable individual to take on the responsibility of securing our facilities each evening. This would also include unlocking and relocking all buildings on Sundays. This role involves ensuring all doors are properly locked and the premises are safe before departure. Attention to detail and a strong sense of accountability are essential, as this task plays a critical role in maintaining the safety and integrity of our operations. This is a paid position. If you or someone you know is dependable and takes pride in keeping things secure, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Tina Crew in the office at 336-993-3411 for further details.

CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE

We will have our Church Council meeting and Charge Conference at a combined session on **November 17** at 7:00pm in the Chapel. As is always the case, Charge Conference sessions are open meetings in The United Methodist Church. If you are not a member of our Church Council/Charge Conference, but wish to observe this Charge Conference session, please attend. However, only Church Council/Charge Conference members will be able to vote.

KERNERSVILLE STOCKING FUND CONCERT

For over 30 years, many of Kernersville's children and their families have been able to wake up on Christmas Morning with gifts under the tree and a special Christmas Feast on the table. This is made possible by the generosity of community members and the donations from our Annual Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund Charity Concert. This concert will again be presented in our Sanctuary here at Main Street UMC on **November 21** at 7pm featuring our Carol Choir alongside other local music groups. Start your holiday season off by attending this special night of fundraising, music and merriment!

NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

Girl Scout Troop 10287's Brownies are excited to partner with MSUMC throughout November to collect canned and dry goods for Crisis Control Ministry, helping ensure that everyone in our community has food on their tables during this challenging time. The girls will also be assembling "Birthday Boxes" for Bethany Café, funded by the girls themselves through their earned troop funds as a way to give back and spread joy. Our Troop appreciates Main Street members' additional contributions to the regular Crisis Control collection bins at the church through **November 30**. Thank you so much for your support!

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Kids Ministry will be hosting a DIY Advent Wreath workshop in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour on **November 30**. This is open for children of all ages and their families to make their own Advent Wreath to take home. We will discover why we light the candles and what they mean. We hope you'll join us for this special activity!

POINSETTIAS AND STOCKING FUND DONATIONS

As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for \$10.00 each. Orders are due no later than **November 30**. To place an order or make a donation: please use the form at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe; or you can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate. If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up form" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and we will list the gifts (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 16 newsletter.

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to the next event hosted by MSUMC's Heritage Club on **December 5** for Dinner at Cody Creek - Seating is at 6:00. Bus will leave the church at 4:30. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5.00. Reservations are required-- deadline to signup is December 3, contact Debbie Smith (336-671-1215).

SHOEBOXES

Main Street UMC is participating in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year! Bring your filled shoeboxes to MSUMC by NOON on **December 7**. Join us on December 7 at the 10:55 service where the boxes will be blessed and loaded up to deliver!

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

Your Pastors and Compassion in Action team invite you to approach the holidays with HOPE. Please join us for a *Service of Hope and Healing* on Tuesday, **December 9**, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come hear the music, a message of hope, receive Communion, and have the opportunity for prayer and lighting a candle for loved ones, for a gentle entry into the holidays.

LOVE OFFERING

After twelve years of work as one of our custodians, Willie Craven is retiring. His dedication, hard work, and positive spirit have made a lasting impact on everyone who has had the privilege of being around him. Willie's contributions have helped shape our church and our success, and his dedication and kindness will be remembered for years to come. If you would like to express your appreciation to Willie upon his retirement, we will collect a love offering to offer him a token of our gratitude for his service to our church. Donations can be made directly to the church office with a note to add to the "Love Offering for Willie Craven". Due date is **December 14**.

PRAISE THE LORD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

1. Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below; praise the holy God of love and all his greatness show; praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power; him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.
2. Celebrate th'eternal God with harp and psaltery, timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree; praise with every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art, all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.
3. God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing, glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King. Hallowed be thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored; praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

MAKER, IN WHOM WE LIVE

1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love. Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.
2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace. The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim, and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"
3. Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power. Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height, the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.
4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love. When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face, sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

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.