



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 23, 2025

10:55am

Christ the King Sunday

Traditional Worship Service

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Wayne Purdy

## WE APPROACH GOD

### PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach/arr. M. L.Thompson  
Main Street Ringers; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

**Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come.**

The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

**Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God's new day.**

Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

**Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: In our hearts and in our world.**

Let us worship God.

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 694

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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

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

**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, nor 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

Victoria Smathers

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

## WE HEAR FROM GOD

#### CAROL CHOIR ANTHEM

*We Gather Here in Grateful Praise*

Jill Branoff, accompanist

#### 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.**

**CANTICLE** UMH page 208 (with sung refrain) Luke 1: 68-79

Jim Barrett

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 40: 1-2, 27-31

Pew Bible, OT page 667

Lanny Lancaster

**SERMON**

“The Lord Shall Renew *Your* Strength”

Lanny Lancaster

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\* **HYMN** No. 155

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

DIADEM

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Sarah McIntosh

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*For the Beauty of the Earth* K. Kocher/Katherine K. Davis

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

\* **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. 102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

\* **BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Go Now in Peace*

Carol Choir

Natalie Sleeth

\* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE**

Siegfrid Karg-Elert

*Marche Triomphale on Nun Danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59*

\* please stand as you are able

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## 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)*

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### 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Main Street United Methodist Church

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## **HOLIDAY CALENDAR CHANGES**

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will NOT have our Oasis Service or our Wednesday Connect Dinner on November 26 and we will NOT have Men's Breakfast on November 27. The Church Office will be CLOSED on November 27 and 28.

## **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 church office at 336-993-3411 for further details.

## **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](http://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.

## **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**. For more information, please contact Amanda McGowan at (336) 265-6183. Thank you so much for your support!

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOME FRIENDS**

Let's continue the wonderful Main Street tradition of showing love and care for each other with Christmas Cards for our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90. A list of names is available in the November newsletter and at the Member Pick-up Station. A collection box for your cards will be in the Narthex from **November 16 through December 14**.

## **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! Grab a recycled shoebox and consider adding items such as coloring books, drawing and coloring supplies, stuffed animals, toys, school or craft supplies, yo-yos, hair accessories, hats, gloves, socks, puzzles, books and even hygiene items! Main Street will not be providing shoeboxes for packing this year (please use a recycled shoebox or a plastic shoebox-size bin), but the possibilities are still endless. Return 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! Have fun shopping and packing the box while imagining the joy that this gift will bring to a child!

## **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**.

## **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, November's items are Baking Items.

## COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

## NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.