



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 9, 2025

10:55am

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Chuck Foster

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Pastoral Dance on *Simple Gifts*
Jill Gardner, organ

Andrew Clarke

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

We gather as God's people. **God has given us faith and hope.**

God's message of love is with us. **We are growing in the knowledge of God.**

God calls us out of darkness and into the light. **We give thanks with joy to our God!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 100 *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

LAUDA ANIMA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

Victoria Smathers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

Victoria Smathers

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story: **We give you thanks, O God.**

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the common good: **We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to others: **We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service: **We give you thanks, O God.**

Almighty God and most merciful Father, we give thanks for these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength. We pray for those with wounds visible and invisible and pray for all Veterans this day that they may know our appreciation and find peace in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

*** 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 857 (with sung refrain)

Psalm 145: 8-21

Jennifer Graves

ANTHEM

All Good Gifts

Lon Beery

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

Amos 5: 18-24, 7: 7-9

Sarah McIntosh

Pew Bible, OT page 854

SERMON

"Words of Warning"

Sarah McIntosh

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 97

For the Fruits of This Creation

EAST ACKLAM

(You are invited to bring your 2026 Financial Commitment Cards to the Communion Rail during this hymn)

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision (SLANE)

arr. Christina Harmon

Rachel Hall, French horn; Carol Manz, 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

Wayne Purdy

*** HYMN** No. 77

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*** BENEDICTION**

Sarah McIntosh

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on HOW GREAT THOU ART

Albert Zabel

* 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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ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Eddie Conrad's father, David Austin Conrad.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **November 12** is Chicken Cordon Blue Casserole (*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. Christian Fellowship/Rise/Genesis 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 church office at 336-993-3411 for further details.

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!

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to the next event hosted by MSUMC's Heritage Club on **November 13** for Southern Supreme Fruitcake Shopping & Lunch. The van will leave the church at 10:30. Cost to ride will be \$5.00 and you will pay for your lunch at the restaurant. We will eat lunch first to avoid the crowd at the Fruitcake Factory. Reservations are required, contact Debbie Smith (336-671-1215).

CONSECRATION SUNDAY SPEAKER

We are excited to welcome Rev. A.J. Thomas to Main Street as our Guest Preacher on **November 16** at all 3 services as we celebrate Consecration Sunday. You will not want to miss his inspiring message!

CONSECRATION POTLUCK DINNER

Join us at our Consecration Dinner on **November 16** 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. To help us better plan, please signup by November 14 to let us know that you plan to attend. To signup, go to mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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!

GOD, WHOSE LOVE IS REIGNING O'ER US

1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.
2. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.
3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you. Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.
4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be. Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!
5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

1. For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God; for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God; for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done; in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done; in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God; for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the [worlds] thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the [rolling] thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!