



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30am
Combined Worship Service

***A Festival of Lessons and Carols
...praising and glorifying God...***

ENTRANCE AND PREPARATION

PRELUDE (*starting at 10:15am*)

Prelude on <i>Greensleeves</i>	Susan Keck Foster
Chorale Prelude on <i>Es ist ein Ros'entsprungen</i>	Richard Purvis
Pastorale on <i>Silent Night</i>	Johannes Brahms
Fantasia on <i>In dulci júbilo</i> , BWV 729	John Barr
	J.S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Wayne Purdy

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah McIntosh

O God, whose Name is Wonderful,

We will sing of your love forever and declare your faithfulness to all generations.

The Universe is Yours, and so is the earth. You established them and all that they contain,

Your judgement seat is built on righteousness and justice. Love and fidelity stand in your presence.

Happy are those who know how to praise you, who walk and SING in the light of your Presence.

Amen! Hallelujah!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 250 *Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Riddle Family

Advent Candle Lighting Song, sung by Finn Riddle

Reading from Luke 1: 26-38

Congregational Response: God of grace and God of glory, pour your power on your people.

We long for the strength and the courage to glorify your name in all that we say and in all that we do. Open our eyes to the promise of your salvation, as you scatter the proud, pull down the powerful from their thrones, fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich away empty. Live in and through us this Christmas season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Words of Forgiveness

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, we are forgiven!

All: Glory to God! Amen!

Lighting of the Love Candle

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD THROUGH LESSONS AND CAROLS

BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895		Lanny Lancaster
* CAROL No. 211	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1-4)</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9: 2-7		Alan Martin
ANTHEM	<i>Jesus Child</i>	John Rutter
SECOND LESSON: Jeremiah 23: 5-6		Jenna Turner
CAROL No. 211	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 5-7)</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
THIRD LESSON: Micah 5: 2-5a		Nick Riddle
CAROL No. 230	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1: 26-38		Polly Black
CAROL No. 215	<i>To a Maid Engaged to Joseph</i>	ANNUNCIATION
FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2: 1-7		Betsy Dagenhart
ANTHEM	<i>Mary's Lullaby</i>	John Rutter
SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2: 8-14		Sarah Foster
ANTHEM	<i>Angels' Carol</i>	John Rutter
SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2: 15-20		Darrell Davis
ANTHEM	<i>Shepherd's Pipe Carol</i>	John Rutter
EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-11		Ken Crews
ANTHEM	<i>Carol of the Magi</i>	John Rutter
* CAROL No. 237	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas!</i>	FRENCH CAROL
PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Wayne Purdy
OFFERTORY	<i>Aria in Classic Style for Harp and Strings</i>	Marcel Grandjany
DOXOLOGY		VENI EMMANUEL
Praise God, from Whom All blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye Heavenly Host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.		

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sarah McIntosh

CLOSING CAROL No. 246

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on ANTIOCH

Craig Phillips

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship; you are invited to remain seated for a time of joyful prayer.

* please stand as you are able

Today's Orchestra

Rebecca Willie, Violin I

Sheryl Manz, Violin II

Lindsey Parsons, Viola

name, Cello

Bryson Fink, Bass

Jillian Storey, Flute I

Elizabeth Mosher, Flute II

Mark Biggam, Oboe I

Rowan Clayton, Oboe II

Carmen Eby, Clarinet I

Jon Goodman, Clarinet II

Paul Manz, Horn I

Wyatt Carlisle, Horn II

Mark Hekman, Bassoon

Erin Lopp, Percussion

Ryan Friddle, Percussion

Helen Rifas, Harp

Susan Keck Foster, Pianist/Organist

Adult Chancel Choir

Soprano I

Nancy Blakemore
Nancy Copeland
Gail Tozer
Janet Lancaster
Elaine Fotia
Theresa Johnson-Crews
Sharyn Turner

Soprano II

Lou Martin
Debbie Prior
Cheryl McKinney
Emily Ward
Ann Stoebe

Alto

Celia Leal
Melissa Dreshfield
Carol Manz
Amei Manten
Brenda Montague
Sarah McCullough
Deb Fletcher
Cindy Largen
Jennifer Graves

Tenor I

Eric Manten
Adam Register
Rich Blakemore
Wes O'Brien
Sally Brown
Carolyn Simmons
Mark Graves

Tenor II

Chuck Dagenhart
Bruce Fletcher
Chris Thompson

Baritone

Shaw Kenion
Dan Whitney
Jim Chesson
Dave Black
Joy Malit

Bass

Mac Clement
Andy Anderson
Chuck Foster
Leon Martin

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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THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert H. Reed, father of Bob Reed.

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Evie May Morales, new daughter of Chase & Jordyn Morales and granddaughter of Mike & Julie Connell.

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

United Women in Faith Circle #5 is selling beautiful MSUMC ornaments again this year. These ornaments are made of solid pewter and are made in the USA. We see this year's ornament featuring the "Chapel in the Snow" as a beautiful companion to last year's Sanctuary Ornament! We will again ask for a suggested donation of \$25 each. Proceeds from this sale will go to missions of the church and our community. We will take pre-orders in the Commons Area on Sundays. We will ask for payment at the time of pre-order.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On **December 24**, we have three special services that are a part of Main Street's Christmas Eve tradition:

- Join us at 4:00pm for our Family Christmas Eve Service. This service is led by our youth and is a perfect opportunity for all the children in attendance to become a part of the story!
- Our Christmas Eve Services will continue at 7:00pm and 11:00pm with our Traditional Candlelight Services. These touching and poignant services with Holy Communion are the perfect way to remember and reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- The 7:00pm service will be livestreamed and can be viewed at mainstreetumc.org.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new issues for January/February have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the "Member Pick-up Station" inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR CHANGES

- Due to the Holiday season, we will NOT have our Oasis Service or our Wednesday Connect Dinner on **December 24 and 31**.
- We will NOT have Men's Breakfast on **December 25** and **January 1**.
- The Church Office will be CLOSED on **December 24, 25, and January 1**.

PASTOR LANNY'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Lanny will start his "Becoming Disciples" Bible Study back up after the holiday break on **January 7** in the Chapel at 11:00am and 6:30pm on Wednesdays. The study will focus on the New Testament from January 7 through March 25. This is a great time for some new folks to join the class!

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, December's item is spices.

BETHANY CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethany Café provides a free meal to anyone in our community and is hosted each Saturday at local churches. Main Street UMC hosts Bethany Cafe on the 3rd Saturday of every month and lots of help is needed! Job descriptions and a sign-up form are available at mainstreetumc.org (look for the "sign-ups" tab on the red stripe).

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.